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“God Fulfills His Promise . . . and More”

Genesis 21:1-21

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1. God fulfills His Promise. (Genesis 21:1-7)
2. The human conflict grows because of the promise fulfillment. (Genesis 21:8-14)

3. God's grace extends to bless the broken. (Genesis 21:15-21)

Table Talk

- 1) What brings you joy about verses 1-7? What is the point of the repetition in verse 1? What do verses 1-7 say about the certainty of God's plan?
- 2) Have you ever had a fun day turn into a bad day? Why does this particular fun day turn bad? (vv. 8-10) How is the brokenness of life and of family revealed in verses 8-14? Why are we tempted to think that family messes in particular are impossible for God?
- 3) There is a "thing" in Abraham's family (see v. 11). What "thing" in your family is displeasing to you and how can you grow in your trust in God regarding that "thing"?
- 4) How is the dynamic in Abraham's family similar to the dynamics with stepfamilies today? How is it different? What can we do to bring Gospel centered grace to step-family dynamics?
- 5) How do we see God's grace in vv. 18-21? How does God provide for Hagar and Ishmael? How does God help Hagar to see what she could not see before (vv. 18-19)? What do you think God is wanting you to see that you are not seeing because you are being blinded by your circumstances? How does God make beauty out of this mess?