

Sarah Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why was moving to a new land, away from family an act of faith for Abraham?

Why do you think God promised the land to Abraham before he had children?

Is it significant that the multiple incidents of dishonesty by Abraham were recorded in the Scriptural record?

The birth of Ishmael by Hagar was accomplished by following a common cultural practice, but it led to problems. What might be analogous in our society?

Have you ever thought that God has not noticed your situation or fully understood your needs?

*What response **should** there be to that situation? What is the reason we often make our own plans?*

Why might it be that God planned for Isaac to be born to geriatric parents?

Despite being contrary to God's primary plan for Abraham. Ismael's life was preserved, and his descendants became a great people. What is the meaning of this?

Abraham was then asked by God to do something that seemed wrong, and he kept it from Sarah. Does this contradict "honesty is the best policy?"

Isaac was about 13 years old and probably could have overpowered his 100-year-old father. Is it reasonable that he had peace about what must have seemed to be a crazy action and completely out of character for his father?

What was the result of this incident in the life of Abraham?

In the life of Sarah?

In the life of Isaac?

If Abraham had come back without Isaac, what do you expect Sarah would have done?

Was the LORD taking a chance of a mistake by cutting the timing so close, with the knife already in Abraham's hand when the order came?

Have you ever been close to disaster?

How do you look back on it afterwards?