

GOD, CAN YOU BLESS THIS MESS?

Genesis 16

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:2-6

Abraham's Tests of Faith

Will I trust to _____ into the unknown (ch.12)

Will I trust Him to _____ in Difficulty (ch. 12)

Will I trust Him to when it looks like I _____ (ch. 13)

Will I trust Him with my _____ (ch. 14)

Will I trust His _____ when it seems _____ (ch.15)

Sometimes Through _____ we learn to _____

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. Ps 119:67

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1:6 NIV

But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." 4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir Gen 15:2-4

One of the hardest things God ever asks us to do is _____

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. Ps 130:5

(v.1)

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt... He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, ... male, menservants and maidservants, Gen 12:10-16

(v.2)

Like us: Sarah will _____ God but won't _____ God

What makes this plan that is so wrong seem so right?

1. This plan comes from a much _____

Our wisdom will either come from the _____ or
the _____

2. This plan is very _____ to the _____

...those who are in the flesh cannot please God . Rom 8:8

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But

the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Gal 5:19-23

This plan is _____ but it's not _____

**Big _____ without Big _____
lead to Big _____**

(v.4)

*So Abram slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress Sarai with contempt
Gen 16:4*

(v.5)

Then Sarai said to Abram, "It's all your fault. For now this servant girl of mine despises me, though I myself gave her the privilege of being your wife. May the Lord judge you for doing this to me!" (v.5)

(v.7)

***Shur-** shuwr; a wall*

(v.9) Apparently, God doesn't recognize _____

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, Gen 22:2

(v.10) Fortunately In this story God Blesses _____