

GENESIS

beginnings

When “Plan B” is a Big Mistake

Genesis 16

1. Abram and Sarai’s “Plan B”

2. “Plan B” ... *is a very Bad Plan*

- It’s their idea ...*not God’s*
- It Callously ...uses Hagar
- Previous Sinful Choices ...*can come back to bite you*

3. “Plan B” Succeeding... *is the Worst Case Scenario*

- Abram’s Passivity...*is Detrimental*
- No need for God in our plans... *but we sure need God when our plans fail.*

4. God Graciously... Intervenes

- His Instruction...*Stop Running*
 - His Sovereignty...*Our Foolish “Plan B’s” work into God’s Overall Plan*
 - His Encouragement...*Descendants and Blessings*
- His Presence... *He is the God who Hears and Sees*

Application:

1. Prayerlessness... *May Be Our Greatest Sin (because of what it says about who we think is in charge)*
2. God Needs Our Faithfulness... *Not Our Help*
3. The Only Hero in the Story... *is Jesus*