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Abraham's Family Secrets

Genesis 21:14

¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Focal Truth:

Doing God's will produces joy – disobeying God's will produces lasting pain.

Observations:

1. Abraham struggles with God's will about a son.
– Gen 17:18
2. God blesses Abraham and Sarah with Isaac the son of promise. – Gen. 21:1-8
3. Ishmael the son of flesh mocks Isaac the son of promise. – Gen. 21:9-10
4. Abraham sends Ishmael away – God blesses Ishmael the son of the flesh. – Gen. 21:12-21

Things to Remember and Do:

1. Doing God's will is trusting God's promises in Christ.
2. Doing God's will is obeying God's word in our personal and family life.
3. Doing God's will is waiting on God's timing and ways of grace and mercy.
4. God's will may not be understood but must be obeyed!
5. Disobeying God's will brings lasting painful consequences.



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