

**Big Idea: Patience on God is Rewarded**

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."  
isaiah40/31

"wait" = expect patiently

**Trust in God's Ability**

"Afterward the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since I don't have a son, Eliezer... a servant... will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no children... Then the LORD said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own to inherit everything I am giving you."  
genesis 15/1>4nlt

Key: Have Patience in the midst of difficulty

**Wait for God's Activity**

"Sarai, Abram's wife, had no children. So Sarai took her servant... Hagar, and gave her to Abram so she could bear his children. "The LORD has kept me from having any children," Sarai said to Abram. "Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed... So Abram slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress Sarai with contempt." genesis 16/1>4nlt

Key: Trust God's Process

**Submit to God's Authority**

"Abram replied, "Since she is your servant, you may deal with her as you see fit." So Sarai treated her harshly, and Hagar ran away. The angel of the LORD found Hagar beside a desert spring along the road to Shur. The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant... where are you going?" "I am running away from my mistress," she replied. Then the angel of the LORD said, "Return to your mistress and submit to her authority.""  
genesis 16/6>9nlt

Key: Obey when it's not Practical

The Result: God Will Bless my future

"The angel added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count."... Hagar referred to the LORD... as "the God who sees me", for she said, "I have seen the One who sees me!"  
genesis 16/10, 13nlt