GOD CALLS ABRAM ABRAHAM

Genesis 16-17                                                                                   Lesson 12

1. Read 16:1-3. Why did Sarai and Abram think it was reasonable, and even God's will, for Abram to take Hagar as a concubine? What was wrong with this?

2. Read 16:4-6. What problem arose in Abram's family after Hagar became pregnant? How did Abram and Sarai deal with this problem? Read v.7-16. How did God help Hagar and what can we learn about God who helped Abram?

3. Read 17:1-8. How old was Abram when God appeared to him again and why did God say to Abram this in verse 1-2? Why did God change Abram's name to Abraham? What is the significance of this change?

4. Read v.9-14. What did God tell Abraham to do as a sign and seal of the covenant? How did God affirm and expand the covenant promises? What is significant about an "everlasting covenant?" And "everlasting possession"?

5. Read v.15-22. How did God bless Sarah? What was Abraham's response? Why did God choose to give the spiritual blessing to Isaac instead of to Ishmael? (Ro 9:6-9) What can we learn in these two chapters about God and his ways of working?