PERHAPS I CAN BUILD A FAMILY THROUGH HER

Genesis 16:1-16 (Key Verse: 16:2)

So she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

1. What suggestion did Sarai make when she had borne Abram no children? (1-4a) How did Abram respond to that suggestion? Why did Sarai and Abram think it was reasonable, and even God's will, for Abram to take Hagar as a concubine? Think about Gal 4:22–23, 29? What does this reveal about him?
2. What problem arouse in Abram’s family after Hagar became pregnant? (4b-5) How did Abram and Sarai deal with this problem? (6) What happened to Hagar?
3. What instruction did the angel of the Lord give to Hagar? (7-9) What additional promise did he make? (10) What did she learn about God? What can we learn about God who helped Abram?
4. What prophesy did the angel of the Lord give to Hagar about the her descendants? (11-12) How did she respond? (13) What name did Abram give when Hagar bore him a son? (14-15) How old was he at that time? (16)