A Delay is not a Denial / Beware of Shortcuts - Genesis 16 & 17 - Biblical Discussion

Have you ever experienced a time or times when you feel completely alone? No one cared, not even God, as if you walked through life invisible, invisible to the touch of others, their concern, and their love?

How many years had elapsed since the Lord made His covenant with? **Gen.16:3**
What course of action does Sarai now suggest to Abram? **Gen. 16:1-3**
What are some of the mistakes Abram made? **Gen. 16:1-2**
When Abram acts on Sarai's advice, what is the result / consequences? **Gen. 16:4-6**
Who comes to Hagar? What does he say to her? **Gen. 16:7-12**
How does God expects us to handle interpersonal relationships?
What was the child's name? Who are his descendants today?
How old was Abram when he had Ismael? **Gen. 16:16**
How old was Abram when God appeared to him? **Gen. 17:1**
What new name does the Lord give Abram? **Gen. 17:5**
What was Abraham's part of the convent? **Gen. 17:5**
What was Abraham's reaction to God's promise? **Gen. 17:17**
What does Abraham request? **Gen. 17:18**
How does God respond? **Gen. 17:19**

Hagar and Ishmael

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; [2] so she said to
Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."
Abram agreed to what Sarai said. [3] So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian
slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. [4] He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was
pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. [5] Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering.
I put my slave in <u>your</u> arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you
and me." [6] "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar;
so she fled from her. [7] The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the
road to Shur. [8] And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you
going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. [9] Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your
mistress and submit to her." [10] The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous
to count." [11] The angel of the LORD also said to her:

"You are now pregnant
and you will give birth to a son.
You shall name him Ishmael,[a]
for the LORD has heard of your misery.
[12] He will be a wild donkey of a man;
his hand will be against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he will live in hostility
toward[b] all his brothers."

[13] She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen[c]
the One who sees me." [14] That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi[d]; it is <u>still</u> there, between Kadesh and
Bered. [15] So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. [16] Abram was
eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

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