

God Helps a Mom Genesis 16 and 21

Outline:

Intro: Who is this mom?

- 1. She is a slave – *sipha* – property of another**
 - 1 Has no vote or voice**
 - 2 Has status with her family**
 - 3 Has covenant coverage through Abraham**
 - * Evidenced in circumcision of Ishmael**
- 2. She is a foreigner – Egyptian**
 - 1 May have been polytheistic**
 - 2 May have been displaced from family**

I. When pregnancies aren't what you expected

- 1. The father isn't who you wanted – 16:3-4**
- 2. The social pressures are intense – 16:5-6**
- 3. The Lord makes difficult demands – 16:7-9**

II. When life doesn't go how you expected

- 1. Your child does something dumb – 21:9-10**
- 2. Your circumstances are dire – 21:14-16**
- 3. Your eyes don't see – 21:17-19**