Genesis 16-18

Ishmael - Man's Solution (16) (Born of the Flesh)	Sign of Covenant (17)	Isaac - God's Solution (18) (Born of the Promise)
Gal 4:21-31 - Sarai's idea - give her maid to Abram - have a child through her (1-3) - Abram ignores God's plan - listen to Sarai's plan - he listens to the voice of his wife rather than God (4) - Sarai didn't respect the reaction (consequence) of Hagar (5) - Abram hands off responsibility to Sarai (6) - Sarai treats Hagar cruelly (6) - Hagar runs away - heading toward home (7) - Angel of the Lord spoke to her - return and submit (8-9) - Hagar was promised that Ishmael would become a great nation (10-11) - Wild donkey - untameable, fiercely aggressive and independant - Arab nations (12) - Elroi - God who sees (13) - The well of the Living One who sees me (14) - God saw Hagar's problem - Ishmael is born 11 years after the promise to Abram	Skip another 13 years - Abram is 99 years old God reaffirms His covenant of many descendants (2) Name change (5) - Abram = Abraham Reaffirms the covenant of land as a possession for ever to the promised son (6-8) Sign of the covenant - circumcision Every male in your house - including slaves 8 days old Forever sign The person not circumcised shall be cut off from the people Divine judgment of death possible God promises another son - Abraham & Sarah's son Isaac - a reminder that you laughed at Me Abraham will be 100 years old Sarah would be 90 years old Covenant promise goes through Isaac not Ishmael Abraham does as God has asked - all in his house were circumcised	 Lord appear - one of the 3 men (1-3) Abraham serves these "men" (4-5) Humility - service and washing the feet, bowing Food prepared (6-8) Sarah in tent (9) "One" said that Sarah would have a child next year (10) They were old - Sarah well passed child bearing (11) Sarah's response was to laugh - unbelief (9-13) Is anything too difficult for the Lord? (14) Sarah denies laughing (15) - the Lord corrects Sarah - you did laugh Romans 4:18-21 - Abraham's faith never wavered - he believe God would do as He said He would do God shares His plans with Abraham (16-21) God choose Abraham to command his descendants to keep the ways of the Lord righteous and just (19) He would be a mighty nation which would bless the earth (18) Outcry of S & G was great (20) SIN! Abraham pleads with God (22-33) - pleads for God to spare for the sake of 10