

# Behind the Scences

## Sermon Questions | 5.29.16

### Opener

Share an experience where you would say you had a "fight" or "flight" moment.

### Read

[Genesis 15:4-6](#)

[Genesis 16](#)

### Engaging with God in a Group

1. Do you typically respond to circumstances by fight or by flight?
2. In [Genesis 15](#), God promises a son to Abram and ([verse 6](#)) "he believed the Lord and God counted it to him as righteousness." He was around 65 at the time, Sarai around 55 - both clearly past child-bearing age. Has God put something on your heart that would be impossible apart from Him? If so, what thoughts do you have about it? How has your faith been impacted?
3. 10 years pass between God's promise in Genesis 15 and where Genesis 16 picks up. What might you be thinking if you had to wait so long for what you believe God has promised?
4. Abram and Sarai decide to try to fulfill God's promise in their own strength and logic. Have you ever tried to do? How did that go? What did you learn?
5. Hagar flees after being mistreated by Sarai. God meets her in her flight. Read about in [Genesis 16:6-13](#). What does this passage say about God?
6. What would it mean to you to meet God in your fight or flight moment?
7. Think of a difficult circumstance you are in right now. What would it look like for you to choose faith instead of fight or flight?

### Engaging with God Daily

1. Sarai mistreated Hagar, but in reality, there was so much under the surface between them. Are you treating someone harshly? What are the real reasons you are treating this person harshly?
2. God sought out Hagar as she fled, and he continues to "meet" us as in those moments when we want to fight or flee. What does that look like in your life?
3. In [Genesis 16:8](#), God calls Hagar by name (the 1st time she's spoken to by name). She's noticed by God. Whether you are typically one who fights or one who flees, you are noticed by God, and he knows your name. What does that mean to you?

4. How might you respond differently in your life circumstances if you were to respond in faith, instead of fight or flee?

### **Closing Thoughts/Prayer**

God hears us in our distress, sees us and knows our situation, and will provide for us. We are free to live from our union with him, to live from Jesus as our source. You're not enslaved to "fight" or "flee;" you're free to trust the one who hears and see you.