

Don't Sleep With Hagar

Genesis 16:1-6

"Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons why we have so little that becomes great."

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| 1. | The problem (la) | | | |
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| | Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. (1a) | | | |
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| 2. | The(1b-3) | | | |
| | And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. (2) | | | |
| | Sarai saw | | | |
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| | Abram listened | | | |
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| Eve | Sarai |
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| Adam listened to Eve (3:17) | Abram listened to Sarai (16:2) |
| Eve "took" the fruit (3:6a) | Sarai "took" Hagar (16:3a) |
| Eve "gave" the fruit to Adam (3:6b) | Sarai "gave" Hagar to Abram (16:3b) |

| The results (4–6) | | |
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| • immediate – | | |
| And he went in to Hagar, and she | conceived. (4a) | |
| • ultimate – | | |
| o The characters are exposed. | | |
| ■ Hagar – | (4b) | |
| ■ Sarai – | (5) | |
| ■ Abram – | (6a) | |
| ○ The story is expanded. | | |
| Are you sleeping with Hagar? | | |
| You measure | hased on | |
| You value | | |
| You seek | | |