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# GENESIS

## FATHERS, CHAPTERS 12-35

### **“Grace For Damaged Hearts” (Genesis 21:8-21, pew Bible page 15)**

A couple of years have passed...

- I. Sarah’s Bitter Heart (vv. 8-10)
  - A. We don’t know if Sarah ever actually got over her bitterness...
  - B. Resolving bitterness
    1. The obligation: Forgive (Matthew 6:14-15)
    2. The opportunities:
      - a. When a relationship is at stake: Restoring (Matthew 18:15)
      - b. When there’s no other option: Releasing (Genesis 41:50-52)
      - c. When you are disappointed by God: Repenting (James 4:7a, Job 1:20-22)

II. Abraham's Broken Heart (vv. 11-14)

- A. He felt the pain. (v. 11)
- B. He acknowledged God's providence. (v. 12)
- C. He received God's provision. (vv. 13-14)

III. Hagar's Hopeless Heart (vv. 15-21)

- A. Her moment of despair (Ishmael was about 16 at this time, see 16:16.) (vv. 15-16)
- B. The reminder of a hopeful future (vv. 17-18)
- C. The meeting of the immediate need (v. 19)
- D. A glimpse of future grace (vv. 20-21)  
(and see 25:9, more than 70 years later)