

SERIES: *ROOTS: Facing Times Of Drought*

“Facing Abandonment?”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT), Genesis 16

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I. FACING ABANDONMENT

A. When We Feel REJECTED

B. When We Feel UNVALUED

II. FEARING GOD WILL ABANDON YOU

A. Believing That God Doesn't CARE

B. But God's DELAYS Are Not God's DENIALS

III. HAGAR FACING ABANDONMENT

A. Feeling The Pain Of CONTEMPT

Verse 4 “And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.”

B. When We Are Treated HARSHLY

Verse 6, “But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.”

C. When We RUN AWAY

Verse 6, “ Where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.””

IV. ROOTS DURING TIMES OF ABANDONMENT

A. The God Who Sees ME

Verse 13, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

Romans 4:20 “No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,”

B. The God Who Sees THE FUTURE

Verse 10, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered”

Hebrews 6:12 “so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

C. HOPE For Tomorrow, During Our PAIN Today

Verse 9, The angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.”

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. When Have You Felt Abandoned? Discuss with your family and friends this week a time that you felt rejected or unvalued? Is there a time you felt that way in your relationship with God?

2. Growing Deep Roots. Deep roots of faith will help us during times of drought caused by abandonment. Our Faith can be strengthened when we give glory to God, practice waiting on God, and believe God wants what is best for us.