

The Freedom of the New Covenant

Two Stories

You have two stories:

1. the times you believe God.
2. the times you take things into your own hands.

Consider Abraham's two stories, [Gal 4:21-23](#).

1. How did he take things into his own hands to get his son Ishmael, [Gen 15:1-6](#), [Gen 16](#)?
2. How did he then believe God's promises and get his son, Isaac, [Gen 21.1-12](#)?

Is your story about you or God?

Two Covenants

1. The Old Testament is about keeping laws. The issue is that none of us can always keep all the laws. We are in bondage like Hagar, [Gal 4:24-25](#).
2. The New Testament is about waiting on God, like Sara, [Gal 4:26-27](#).

Two Options

Be a Child of the Flesh	Be a Child of Promise
John 8:44-47 , a slave to the world because you don't believe God's promises	Rom 9:8 , born again free because you believe God's promises
live by your flesh	live by God's promises

Is your story about you or God?

- Who is the star of your story, you or God?
- Are you living by your own efforts or God's promises?
- Do you claim to be a Christ-follower but continue to live by your own wisdom, resources, and effort?
- Are you trying to help God out because it doesn't appear that He is resolving the issue or are you waiting for His promises?
- Do you realize that the way you live your life tells your story more than the words you say?

Ask, Listen, Do

- Ask God what He wants you to do.
- Listen to what He says.
- Do what He says even if it involves waiting.

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