



Genesis 16: All about Sarai

Genesis 16:2 “so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.”

This is a woman at her best. What I mean is that women act like women and are hard to figure out. Men are not that bright with women. We men, seem to have trouble understanding. Sarai is married to Abram. She is beautiful. They end up in a little bit of trouble because Abram lets Sarai be taken by a king. God has to intervene and get Sarai back. I suspect she was not pleased with the whole affair. I know she either had or gained attitude. Attitude that tormented Abram.

I feel Abram and Sarai are slightly knuckleheads. They then get into league with Abram’s Brother Lot. God had sent them out to a new land. He never said to take Lot with them. In a way it’s mistake after mistake with these two. Then they make another blunder spearheaded by Sarai. The verse above is so rich. How many men have their wife offer them sex from another women? The status in those days for women was decided by how many children you have. A barren woman was mud. So, Sarai (not thinking straight) offers her husband another wife.

Slaves were owned by the masters. The other wife was really a slave of Sarai. I suppose she thought she owned the kid. Yet, Sarai felt jilted because it was not hers. So, she complains to her

husband about the slave Hagar and the child. Of course, she did. Sarai is strong headed but not a good choice maker. She never thought her husband might like the new wife and child. God has had enough of these two. He intervenes and changes their names. He insists she will have a child of her own. He changes their names to Abraham and Sarah. In the mist of all this Sarah laughs at God. I Love it that God confronts her. He says "you laughed." Oh, now she backtracks and says she did not. God responds saying "oh yes you did."

Sarah/Sarai is such a strong-willed woman. She causes her husband to make a mistake with another woman. She mocks God. Then they make the same mistake twice by almost sleeping with a king. Then she has a baby at about 90 years old. She again mocks God because she is worried what the neighbors would think. Further to that she stresses her husband by ordering him to send his wife Hagar and child away.

God is hilarious throughout this ordeal. He orders Abraham to leave his homeland. He fixes two mistakes with a king. Then God toasts Abrahams brother Lots town. God then has it out with Sarah and changes their names. Then on top of that in chapter 21 he tells Abraham to listen to everything Sarah says. Sarah is awesome. She wants what she wants. It pushes her husband and God to the brink several times. It then says she dies. Even Eve did not get that. Sarah is what I call a hot mess. A strong woman in the Bible.