

**“Grace For Damaged Hearts”**

**(Genesis 21:8-21, pew Bible page 15)**

A couple of years have passed…

1. Sarah’s Bitter Heart (vv. 8-10)
2. We don’t know if Sarah ever actually got over her bitterness…
3. Resolving bitterness
4. The obligation: Forgive (Matthew 6:14-15)
5. The opportunities:
6. When a relationship is at stake: Restoring (Matthew 18:15)
7. When there’s no other option: Releasing (Genesis 41:50-52)
8. When you are disappointed by God: Repenting (James 4:7a, Job 1:20-22)
9. Abraham’s Broken Heart (vv. 11-14)
10. He felt the pain. (v. 11)
11. He acknowledged God’s providence. (v. 12)
12. He received God’s provision. (vv. 13-14)
13. Hagar’s Hopeless Heart (vv. 15-21)
14. Her moment of despair (Ishmael was about 16 at this time, see 16:16.) (vv. 15-16)
15. The reminder of a hopeful future (vv. 17-18)
16. The meeting of the immediate need (v. 19)
17. A glimpse of future grace (vv. 20-21) (and see 25:9, more than 70 years later)