

The Ugly Truth

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Genesis 21:1-10

Although Sarah was excited to have a baby, a fair amount of disappointment and anger had to be present when she would look at Hagar and Ishmael. They were a constant reminder of failure and doubt. Scripture tells us that Ishmael was “mocking,” and mama bear Sarah was going to have none of that! So, her resentment grew.

Carrying around bitterness for decades hurts no one but ourselves. I wonder what Sarah’s countenance was in this situation. Earlier in Genesis, it says Sarai was beautiful, but was she still beautiful with this ugly attitude?

There is nothing godly about the way Sarah demanded Abraham get rid of Hagar and Ishmael, but bitterness and anger robbed Sarah of her joy in a happy situation. Isaac was growing and maturing. The child she was never supposed to have was alive and well, but she was too bitter to care.

In Ephesians 4:31, Paul urges the believers, “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”

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