

# **"ABRAHAM'S CRITICAL LAPSE IN FAITH"**

## **GENESIS 16:1-6**

### **I. THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO THE PATRIARCH'S CRITICAL LAPSE IN FAITH**

- A. Abraham Was Ironically Well Aware That The Clear Objective Was The Accomplishment Of The Will Of God
- B. Abraham Became Disillusioned By The Apparent Failure Of The Normal Means Of Accomplishing The Will Of God
- C. Abraham Succumbed To The Temptation To Adopt A Culturally Acceptable Alternative
- D. Abraham Considered The Significance And Stature Of The Person Making The Proposal

### **II. THE OUTCOME OF THE PATRIARCH'S CRITICAL LAPSE IN FAITH**

- A. Pragmatism Often Leads To The Illusion Of Success
- B. Complications In Interpersonal Relationships Are Often Inevitable

### **III. THE CAUSES OF THE PATRIARCH'S CRITICAL LAPSE IN FAITH**

- A. Failure To Give Adequate Weight To The Positive Expressions Of God's Will
- B. Failure To Pray
- C. Failure To Seek Mature Spiritual Counsel
- D. Failure To Apply The Lessons Of The Past
- E. Failure To Reason With Spiritual Maturity