

**“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**