

## Children Of The Free Women

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband." 28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

# Patience is Essential

## It's Worth the Wait

Trusting in the Lord takes patience. Sarah and Abraham stories would have been totally different if they would have had patience and waited on the Lord. Sarah, a free woman and Abraham's wife, had a son that was born according to purpose and was the true heir of Abraham. Hager, the servant, had a son also. Her son was born according to the flesh due to the lack of patience, trusting, and believing that the Lord is always on time. Don't get impatient on things that may come to pass yet claim to have faith in the Lord. God promised Abraham and Sarah a child but due to their old age, they didn't think it was possible. Know anything is possible when you put it in God's hands. People often say when something spectacular happens that, "It is amazing, or God is amazing." Yes, God truly is amazing in every aspect of the world because He is the Creator.

### Prayer:

*Heavenly Father, give us patience every day. Give us the will to take the time to pray every day. We know that all things are done in Your time, and we thank you in advance. Help us to trust and believe while You do what You do.*

**Sunday School Lesson:**  
 Experiencing Liberation

**Lesson Scripture:**

John 8:31-38

**Unifying Topic:**

Freedom in Christ Jesus

**Main Thought:**

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:36 (KJV)

God made the promise of everlasting life to whoever believes in His Son. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16 ESV). Whatever God has promised from the beginning of time has come to pass. Be obedient, trustworthy and have faith. The time will come!

### Talking Point(s):

1. How strong is your faith?
2. How often do you put God on a time clock?