

# Abram's Error

As we consider Abram's actions, no doubt his intent was to bring about the promise God had given him. He wasn't violating a direct command from God (as far as we know from the text), and it probably seemed to him that he was acting in a way that would bring about God's promise. So where did he go wrong? Answer the following questions to see if you can understand this idea better.

1. What action had Abram previously taken that demonstrated his lack of trust in God's promise of an heir? (Take a look at Genesis 12:10–13 if you need to.)
2. What part of God's created order did Abram violate in trying to bring an heir into the world through Hagar?
3. Abram allowed Sarai to do whatever she wanted after Hagar conceived. What consequence might have happened had God not intervened and told Hagar to return?
4. How would you explain how Abram went wrong in not waiting for God's timing?