

# **Epic Failures - Where God's People Blew It**

# **New Beginnings**

# Introduction

Talk about new beginnings

Abraham, Sara & Hagar

#### Failure

Question: Describe a time in your life when you took matters into your own hands and it backfired?

God's promise of an heir (Gen 15:4-5)

Abram & Sarai took matters into their own hands and Sarai gave Abram Hagar as a wife to bear him children.

## Consequence

Question: Describe the consequences that took place after you took matters into your own hands.

Strife between Sarai and Hagar (Gen 16:4-5)

Type of person Ishmael became (and his descendants) (Gen 16:12)

## **Restoration**

Question: Describe the new beginning, if any, you experienced after your mistake?

God makes a covenant with Abraham even after his bad choices(Gen 17:4-8)

God promises a covenant to be established through Isaac (Gen 17:19)

#### Conclusion

There's always the possibility of a new beginning

Repentance is the key to a new beginning