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**How do you know when a test from God is a detour, destructive decision or destiny?**

**Genesis 16:1-4 (NIV)** - Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.” Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

**Abram is called to leave his homeland – DESTINY.**

**Sarai is barren – DESTINY.**

**Along the way they get stuck in Harran and later flee to Egypt – DETOUR.**

**Abram lies about Sarai’s family status – DESTRUCTIVE DECISION.**

**When is a test from God a DETOUR? (Genesis 12:1) Abram and Sarai’s prepackaged and custom-made life is full of twists and turns.**

**When is a test from God a DESTRUCTIVE DECISION? (Genesis 12:10-14) Abram and Sarai’s prepackaged and custom-made life includes some bad decisions.**

**When is a test from God a DESTINY? (Genesis 16:1-5) Abram and Sarai’s prepackaged and custom-made life reveals God is in control.**

**Can you identify a life experience where you took a detour?**

**Can you identify an occasion when you made a destructive decision?**

**Can you identify an event in your life that defined your destiny?**



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