

## Conquering Faith — Confronting and Overcoming Conflict Genesis 21:08–13

**1. *The nature of the conflict:***  
***Much attention was being  
showered on Isaac***

- a. Ishmael's sin:  
Mockery, ridicule, meanness
- b. Sarah's sin:  
Overreaction,  
distrust, cruelty
- c. Abraham's response:  
Distress, grief, perplexity

**2. *The answer to the conflict: God***

- a. God's word:  
Relieved Abraham's distress  
and grief and gave direction
- b. God's purpose:  
Abraham was reminded  
of God's purpose anew
- c. God's assurance:  
Abraham was assured,  
the conflict would be resolved

8 The child grew and was weaned,  
and on the day Isaac was weaned  
Abraham held a great feast.

9 But Sarah saw that the son  
whom Hagar the Egyptian  
had borne to Abraham was mocking,

10 and she said to Abraham,  
“Get rid of that slave woman and her son,  
for that woman's son will never share  
in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly  
because it concerned his son.

12 But God said to him,  
“Do not be so distressed about the boy  
and your slave woman.  
Listen to whatever Sarah tells you,  
because it is through Isaac  
that your offspring will be reckoned.

13 I will make the son of the slave  
into a nation also,  
because he is your offspring.”