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Don't Settle for Compromise

Gen. 15:1-4 "After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."

Gen. 16:1-5 "Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; 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 maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

What is a conviction? _____

What is compromise? _____

What is it that makes us settle?

1. **WE LACK** _____ (*Genesis 16:2*)
 - A. Her faith was based on _____
 - B. Her circumstances caused her to _____
 - C. Her complaint led to her _____
2. **WE LEAN ON** _____ (*Philippians 3:3*)
3. **WE MUST LOOK TO** _____ (*Hebrews 12:1-2*)