

Genesis: Back to Obedience  
Plan B Faith Is Not Faith  
Genesis 16:1-16

Even the most free-spirited personalities spend some amount of time planning. We plan for retirement. We plan our vacations. We plan our weekly menus and prepare our lists for our trip to the supermarket. Granted some people plan the destination, while others plan the details of the route, but we all plan. We also, almost always, have a plan B. It is because in our freedom, we have learned to keep our options open. And we like options.

1. Plan B faith is impatient with God.
2. Plan B faith second-guesses God.
3. Plan B faith creates sin and strife.

The antidote to a scheming faith is a submissive faith.

Satan wants us to think that our schemes and backup plans are valid displays of faith. He will tell us to trust God, and then convince us to come up with a plan. Maturing faith will trust God not just for the promised outcome but for the timing and the strategy for achieving the promised outcome. God worked out His plan in His time and in His way when He sent Jesus to the cross. If we can trust Him with our salvation, we can trust Him with our sanctification.