



My God Sees

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Genesis 16

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her."

And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal. So Abram slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt. The LORD will show who's wrong—you or me!" Abram replied, "Look, she is your servant, so deal with her as you see fit."

Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she finally ran away.

Beside a spring of water in the desert, along the road to Shur the angel of the LORD found Hagar. The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied. Genesis

The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority." Then he added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count." And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son and you are to name him Ishmael. This son of yours will be a wild man, as untamed as a wild donkey! He will raise his fist against everyone, and everyone will be against him."

"You are the God who sees." -Hagar

My God SEES MY SITUATION

My God SEES MY FEELINGS

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts. Psalm 139:23

For your LifeGroup and personal growth time.

Read Genesis 16. Talk together about what you see in each of the characters: Hagar, Abraham, and Sarai.

In 16:8, God asks Hagar where she is coming from and where she is going. Why? Did God not know? Why is this question important (for her and us)?

What is the significance of the name she gives to God (You are the God Who Sees Me)?

When God looks at your situation right now, what does He "see"?

Hagar gave God the name, "The God who Sees" because of her circumstances. What name would you give God because of your circumstances...

Pray together and support each other!

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