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Hagar

Genesis 16:1-7, 13-16

¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; ²so 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.

³So 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. ⁴He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

Who is in the Story?

Hagar (Everyday Hero):
Slave to Sarai; mother to Ishmael.

Sarai (later, Sarah):
Wealthy and powerful wife of Abram; promised to mother a multitude of offspring through whom God's goodness will be seen on the earth.

Abram (later, Abraham):
Wealthy and powerful regional chieftain; husband of Sarai; father of Ishmael; promised to father a multitude of offspring through whom God's goodness will be seen on the earth.

God (אֱלֹהֵי רֹאִי - El Roi)
through his messenger.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

⁵Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me."

⁶"Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

⁷The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.

¹³She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." ¹⁴That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

How do you need God to reveal **HIMSELF** in this season of your life?

Genesis 21:15-18

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes.

¹⁶Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob.

¹⁷God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

When was a time God surprised you with his presence or provision? (If you can't think of one, ask him to remind you of when he was present or providing but you may not have seen it at the time.)

Take a few minutes to carefully read all of Genesis 16.

:: What "pops" at you? What do you suppose Holy Spirit may be inviting you to process or do with that?

:: What do you struggle with or find most challenging in the passage? What does it look like for you to interact with God around those things?

:: Why do you think Hagar was sent back to be with Abram and Sarai? How does that play into the idea of "the God who sees" Hagar in her circumstances?

Pastor Jeremiah said, "The only person in the Bible to *give* a name to God is an outcast—a single mom, a slave, a seemingly forgotten woman who has been used and abused by the world...and God embraces the name she gives."

:: What seems significant about this to you?

:: How does this speak to God's character and our need for him to reveal himself?

What was your answer to the question, "How do you need God to reveal himself in this season of your life?" Who can you invite to join you in prayer and expectancy for God to do just that?

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