

The Story of Hagar

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Genesis 16-21 and Galatians 4:24, 25

“Good to Knows” from Hagar’s Story

- Hagar was born in Egypt.
- Her name means “stranger.”
- She lived around 1930 B.C. and 1840 B.C.
- She was sold or given as a slave to Abram (Abraham) wife Sarai (Sarah).
- At the time she conceived, She had lived in Canaan for 10 years.
- Much of her chaos was caused by the choices of others (Abram & Sarai).
- The “giving” of Hagar to Abram was fairly common and the child born to her would legally belong to Sarai.
- In many cultures, bearing children was a sign of God’s blessing
- Her son was the first born child of Abraham: Ishmael
- Hagar was mistreated by Sarai, which caused her to flee.
 God told her to return to Abram’s home.
- Hagar was given a promise from God of many decedents.
- Hagar is the first person in the Scriptures to be visited by an angel (messenger) and the first to ascribe a name to God.
- Hagar loved her son.
- Hagar is referred to in the Letter to the Galatians (Gal. 4:24, 25) as a figurative example of living according to the law instead of grace.

She 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.” ¹⁴ That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered. Genesis 16:13, 14 NIV

1. God's _____ is always the _____ Way.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; ² so 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. ³ So 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. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Genesis 16:1-4 NIV

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Proverbs 14:12 ESV

"Taking matters into your own hands, out of the Lord's hands, leads to having a mess on your hands!"

2. Living _____.

So 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. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. Genesis 16:3 NIV

When You are Feeling Unnoticed

- You are loved by God.
- You are noticed (seen by God).
- God doesn't define you by your failures or sin.
- Choose to trust God.
- Make yourself available to others.
- Beware of illicit measures to get your desires met.

"If you don't get out, you will act out!"

3. God is a _____.

God _____

She 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." Genesis 16:13 NIV

God _____

The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. Genesis 16:11 NIV

God _____

God 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. Genesis 21:17 NIV

"Feeling unnoticed is not the same as being unnoticed, God is a Noticer."

4. Become a _____.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:34-36 NIV

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him... Mark 2:15 (16, 17) NIV

1. _____ Ask God for eyes to see and ears to hear.
2. _____ Notice the lost, lonely, hurting, and the unnoticed.
3. _____ When you to notice somebody, do something.

"Sometimes noticing requires stepping into difficult situations, embrace the chaos of being a noticer."