



SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 16:7-13

"Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction. He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"" (Genesis 16:7-13, NKJV)



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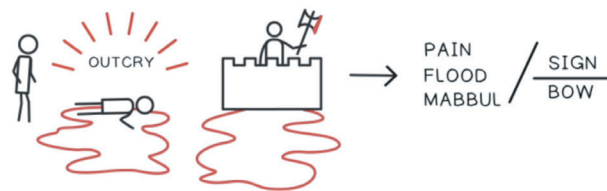
WHAT DID ABRAM & SARAI SEE?

- **Possibility.** Ten years of _____ reach a boiling point in this drama (Gen. 12:1-4; 15:1-6; 16:3).
- **Infertility.** Sarai considers _____ to be the cause of her barrenness (Gen. 16:3; 17:15-18).
- **Opportunity.** Abram _____ the voice of his wife and _____ Hagar as wife (Gen. 3:6; 16:2-3).

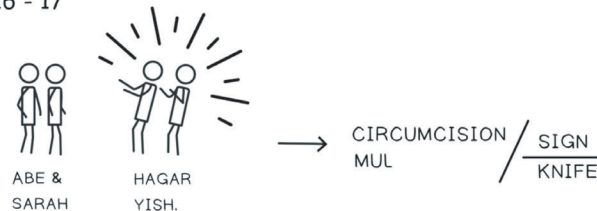
THEY REJECTED GOD'S PLAN FOR...

_____: INTRODUCED A SECOND WIFE (GEN. 2:24; 16:3)
 _____: TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HAGAR (GEN. 16:3)
 _____: MISTREATED A FOREIGN SERVANT (EX. 22:21)
 _____: PASSIVELY FOLLOWED SARAI'S PLAN (GEN. 16:6)
 _____: BLAMED INSTEAD OF OWNING UP (GEN. 16:5)

GEN 6 - 9



GEN 16 - 17



WHAT DID HAGAR SEE?

- **Violation.** Hagar _____ have a say in this situation and her situation changed when she conceived with Abram (Gen. 16:4).
- **Rejection.** Sarai treated Hagar _____ and Abram _____ it (Gen. 16:5-6).
- **El Roi.** Hagar saw many things but her defining moment was when she saw God _____ her (Gen. 16:13-14; 21:16-21).

WHAT DID GOD SEE?

- **Hagar.** God did not define Hagar by her _____ but by His plans for her future (Gen. 16:10-12).
- **Pain.** God acknowledged Hagar's _____ by seeing her suffering and hearing her cries (Gen. 16:11; cp. Gen. 29:32; Ex. 3:7; 4:31; Deut. 26:7).
- **Return.** God called for Hagar to _____ her challenges instead of run away from them (Gen. 16:9; cp. Ex. 3:10-12; Gen. 32:6-9; Phile. 12).

REJECTION IS A PART OF GOD'S STORY

He was rejected as _____
 (2 Pet. 2:4; Rom. 1:21-23)

He was rejected as _____
 (Gen. 3:1-3; Jn. 12:48)

He was rejected as _____
 (1 Sam. 8:7; Lk. 19:14)

He was rejected as _____
 (Isa. 53:3; Jn. 1:10-11)