



Before You Run, Remember!
(Genesis Chapters 16 & 21)

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Be Encouraged Moms...

- 1. God Hears! - Genesis 16:11**
- 2. God Sees! - Genesis 16: 13-14**
- 3. God Provides! - Genesis 21:16-21**

God has a reason for our waiting! We don't have to know why or understand. We simply need to trust His wisdom, will and ways (timing).

**Beyond providing their basic needs a mothers
number one responsibility is to introduce their
child to God's love, their sin, and
God's Son (Jesus) so that they can be saved!**

¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar. ²So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³After

Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.⁴ He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, "May the

wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the LORD judge between you and me.”⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight.” So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

⁷Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from and where are you going?” And she said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” ⁹Then the angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.”

Genesis 16:7-9

**Pre-incarnate appearance of God is
called a Christophany (The Angel of the Lord)
(Genesis 16:7-9)**

Mothers, your husband is to come before your children and your children are to come before your career.

**(Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:33; Titus 2:4-5;
Ephesians 5:12-30; Deuteronomy 6:6-7;
Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6;
Proverbs 13:24)**

¹⁰Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.” ¹¹The angel of the LORD said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

1. God Hears

Ishmael means “God Hears”.

**God heard Hagar’s cries of misery.
He witnessed how she was mistreated.
(Genesis 16:10-11)**

¹³Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?” ¹⁴Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

2. God Sees

“The God who sees after me!”

God sees you and deeply cares for you. He sees the future plans He has for you. Be encouraged!

(Genesis 16:13-14)

3. God Provides (Genesis 21:8-21)

Hagar and Ishmael were sent away.

Hagar and Ishmael cried out - (vs. 16-17)

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. ¹⁰Therefore she said to Abraham, “Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my

son Isaac.”¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.¹² But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.”¹³ And of the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because

he is your descendant.”¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.¹⁵ When the water in the skin was used up, she left

the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, “Do not let me see the boy die.” And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷God heard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the

matter with you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.¹⁸ Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by the hand, for I will make a great nation of him.”¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad a drink.²⁰ God was with

the lad, and he grew; and he lived in the wilderness and became an archer. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Sermon in a Sentence:

**Don't panic, wait on the God who hears, sees,
and provides!!!**

Application:

- 1. Faith@Home: Discuss with a friend or as a family a time in your life when you felt like giving up or walking out. What did you do? What did you learn? How did God work and show up in your circumstance?**
- 2. Mom, share what you sensed God was saying to you today through the scriptures and the message. In what ways are you intentionally teaching your children to know, love, and follow God and His will? In what ways does it encourage you to know God hears, sees, and provides for those who seek Him?**
- 3. In what ways are you being tempted to bypass God's will and timing to do your will in your time? Never forget God's will is always worth the wait! Be sure to teach that to your children and model this in your life!**
- 4. Check out this article: "What does the Bible say about a wife's role and responsibility in marriage." - Barbara Rainey**