

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

God Who Sees Me (El Roi)

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Genesis 16: 1-16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. ² 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. ³ So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.) ⁴ So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt. ⁵ 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!" ⁶ 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.

⁷ The angel of the Lord found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness, along the road to Shur. ⁸ 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. ⁹ The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority."¹⁰ Then he added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count." ¹¹ And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for the Lord has heard your cry of distress."¹² 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. Yes, he will live in open hostility against all his relatives."

¹³ Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?" ¹⁴ So that well was named Beer-lahai-roi (which means "well of the Living One who sees me"). It can still be found between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵ So Hagar gave Abram a son, and Abram named him Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born.

• God sees us.

Psalms 33:13-19 (NLT) "The Lord looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race. ¹⁴ From his throne he observes all who live on the earth. ¹⁵ He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do. ¹⁸ But the Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. ¹⁹ He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine."

• God meets us in our mess.

Hebrews 12:2 "Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne."

• God promises a hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do and he will show you which path to take."

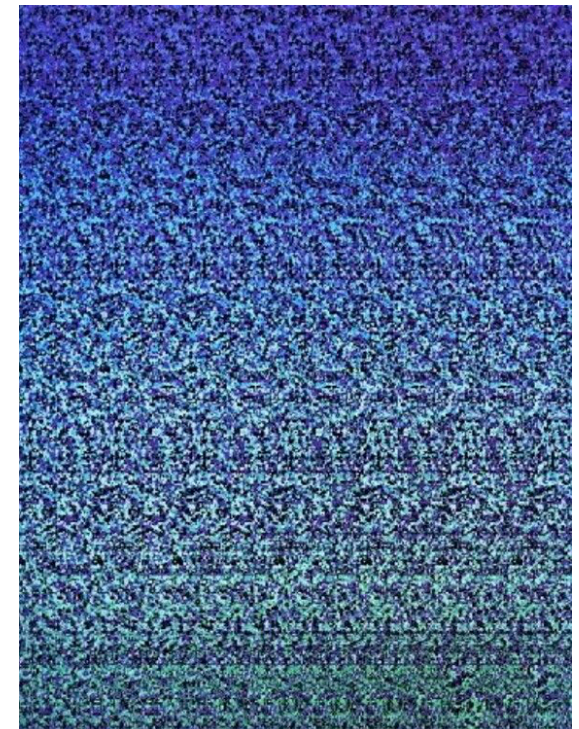
Big Idea: Because God sees us and meets us in our mess, we can trust Him today and forever.

Psalms 33:13

**Will you look for God today? Will you choose to seek God this week?
God sees you in your circumstance and He wants to meet you right where you are.**

Prayer: *El Roi, the God who sees me, I praise you for you know the whole story. From beginning to end, you see it all. Give me humility to admit my limitations. For I don't always see the past accurately, my vision of the present is often blurred, and I am blind when it comes to the future. Help me fasten my eyes on you, trusting in your vision for my life and in your watchful care. Amen*

*The Translation of the Bible
Scriptures used in today's 10:10
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- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Read and reflect on Psalm 33:13-15,18-19 and Psalm 139. What verse challenges or encourages you and why? Do you sense and believe that God, El Roi, sees you? How does this make a difference in how you live?

4) Discuss Proverbs 3:5,6. How are you trusting God with all your heart? In what ways do you continue to lean on your own understanding? Pray for one another that you will trust God and surrender whole heartedly to Him.

5) Is there a certain burden or area of sin you continue to carry that is weighing you down? What step can you take to surrender this to Jesus? Read 1 John 1:9, Romans 3:21-26, Romans 10:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. How do these verses encourage and empower you?

6) El Roi - the God who sees me. God sees you - every moment of every day. He wants you to see Him too. How will you be intentional about looking for God this week? Share with your IC what devotions you are reading or how you are seeking God and His truth.

7) Read and reflect on Colossians 3:12-17. How do these verses encourage you to see and treat the people around you? Share a specific action step you are committed to do this week.



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