

If you could have any superpower,
what would it be?

Seen in
the Valley



The Story of Hagar

Hagar is in the valley because other people failed to trust God.

Today's Big Idea

You are seen and sustained in the valley.

Context

Setting the scene before Genesis 16



Four Movements

1. Hagar is used in someone else's valley

Genesis 16:1-6

2. Hagar is found by the God who sees

Genesis 16:7-14

3. Hagar returns to the valley again

Genesis 21:8-16

4. Hagar is sustained by the God who sees

Genesis 21:17-21



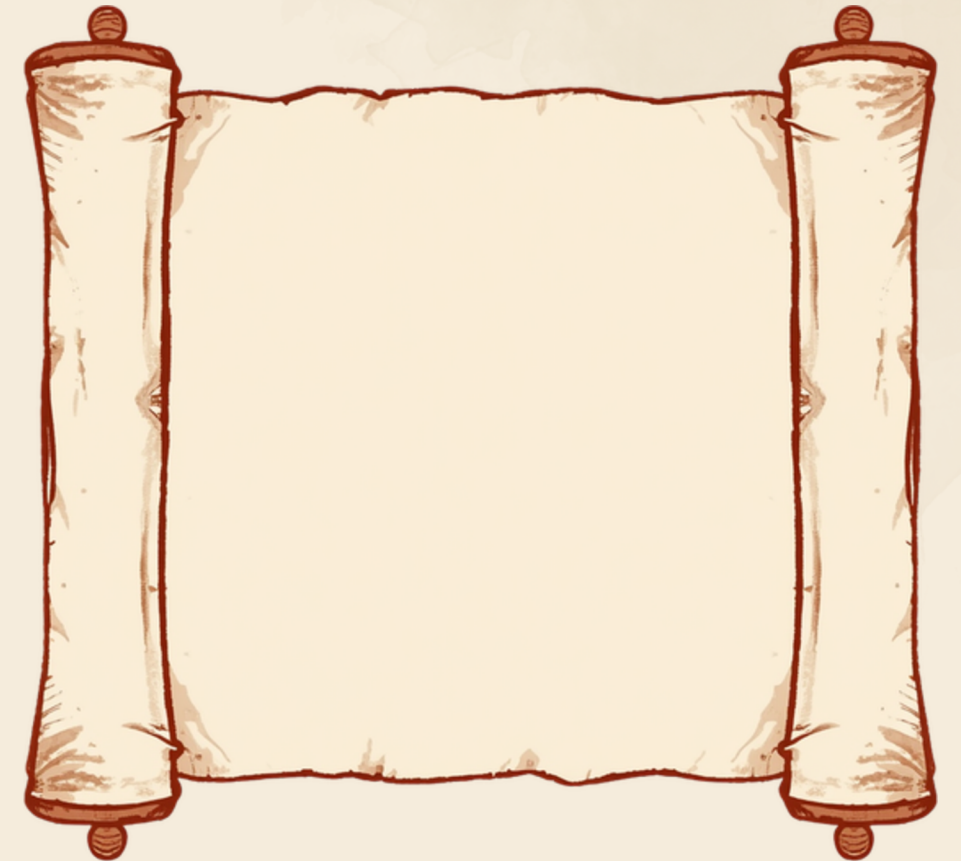
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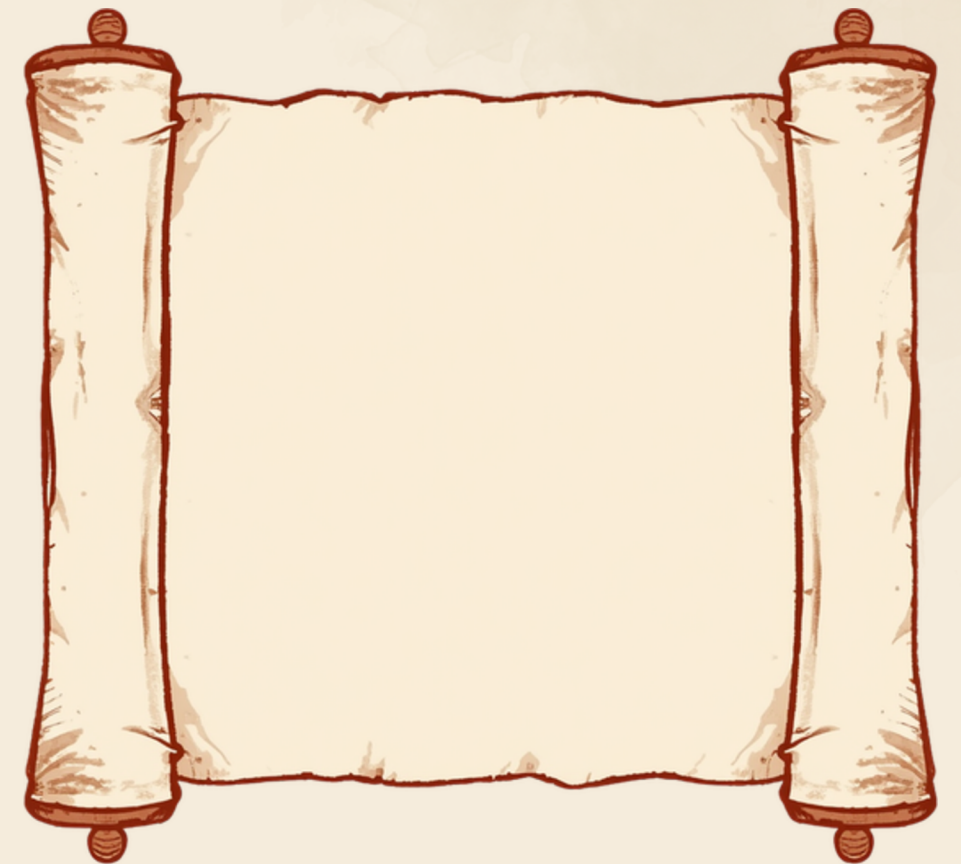
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Principle:

When we stop trusting God, we often start using people.



Movement 2

Genesis 16:7

Hagar is found by the God who sees

Context:

The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert.

Principle:

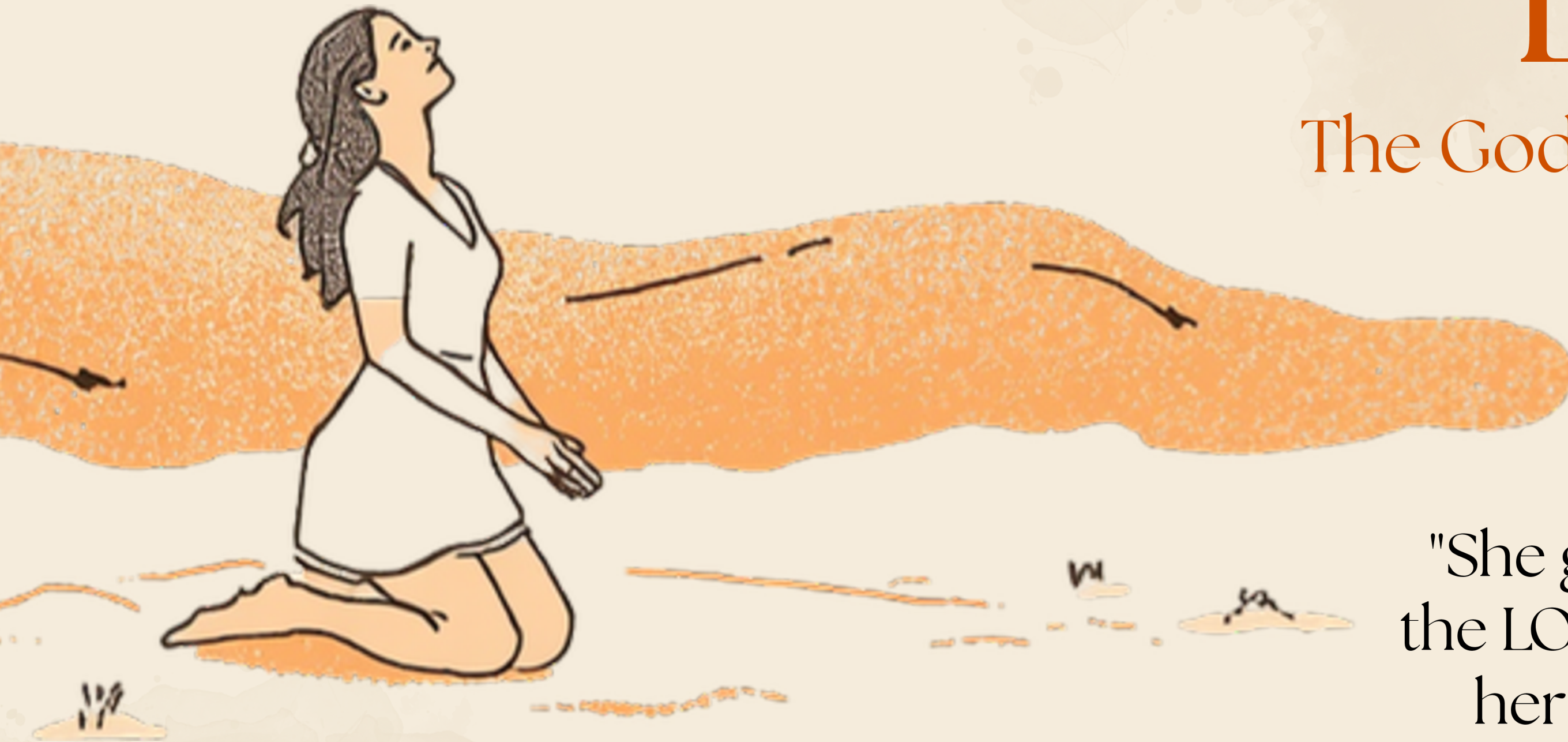
God pursues and cares for those who are lost, forgotten, and alone in the wilderness.



El Roi

The God Who Sees Me

Genesis 16:13



"She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me.'"

Significance:

Hagar is the first person in Scripture to name God...a woman, an outsider, seen in her valley.

Movement 3

Genesis 21:8-21

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Principle:

You can meet God in Genesis 16 and still weep in Genesis 21.



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Principle:

The valley does not cancel the promise. God hears, God sees, and God sustains.



Reflection



"Sometimes despair means we are so tired we cannot see the well."

Insight:

The well is still there. God opens our eyes when we are too weary to see.

Application Question 1

Question:

Where do I feel unseen?

Reflect:

Take a moment in stillness.

Bring that place before the God who sees you.



Application Question 2

Question:

Where am I using people to manage my fear?

Reflect:

Consider the relationships in your life.
Are you leaning on people where you
should be trusting God?



Application Question 3

Question:

Where do I need God to open my eyes to the well?

Reflect:

Ask God to reveal what you cannot see.
He is already there in the valley.





You are seen
and sustained
in the valley.

Remember: The valley does not define you. The God who sees you does.

Communion

A moment to remember, reflect, and receive.



Go in Peace, You Are Seen.

"May you walk forward knowing you are deeply seen, deeply loved, and never alone in the valley."



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