

HAGAR'S STORY:

WHEN YOU FEEL UNSEEN & UNAPPRECIATED

Finding the God Who Sees You

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1. Hagar's Story – You Are Seen, Even in the Wilderness

Have you ever felt overlooked? Like your story didn't matter? **So did Hagar.**

She wasn't just Sarah's servant. She was **a woman with dreams, pain, and purpose.** But when she was mistreated and abandoned, she found herself in the wilderness—**pregnant, alone, and with nowhere to go.**

And yet, that's **where God met her.**

Hagar was the **first person in Scripture to name God.** She called Him **El Roi, "The God Who Sees Me."** And that changes everything—because it means that even when the world pushes you aside, **God has His eyes on you.**

Her story isn't just about survival. **It's about a God who steps into your lowest moments and whispers: I see you. I hear you. I have a future for you.**

Key Gems:

God's eyes are on you, even when people overlook you.
Your pain does not erase your purpose.
God meets you in the wilderness, not just in the promised land.

God's Receipts (Because We Love Receipts):

📖 **Genesis 16:7-13** – God finds Hagar in the wilderness and reveals Himself as *El Roi.*
📖 **Genesis 21:14-19** – Hagar and Ishmael are cast out, but God provides for them.

📖 **Psalm 34:15** – *"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry."*

2. Time to Get Real!

Let's reflect:

- Have you ever felt unseen or unappreciated?
- What labels have others placed on you that God never intended?
- How has God "seen" you in your hardest moments?

3. Word Study Highlight: "El Roi" (אֵל רֳאִי) – The God Who Sees Beyond Sight

📖 **Genesis 16:13** – *Hagar gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me."*

Hebrew Breakdown:

- **El (אֵל)** = God, Mighty One, Strength
- **Roi (רֳאִי)** = To see, but also **to deeply perceive, to care for, to take action.**

Fresh Revelation:
Hagar wasn't just saying, "*God saw me in the wilderness.*" She was saying:

God sees my pain AND my potential.
God doesn't just notice me—He watches over me with care.
Because He sees me, He will move on my behalf.

MAIN TAKEAWAY:
You are not invisible. The world may have dismissed you, but **God is watching over you like a protector, a provider, and a Father.**

Tell yourself: **God, You don't just watch me—you perceive me. You witness me. And because You see, You will act."**

4. Word Study Highlight: "Paqach" (פָּקַח) – When God Opens Your Eyes, Everything Changes

Genesis 21:19 – *"Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water."*

Hebrew Breakdown:

- **Paqach (פָּקַח)** = To open eyes, but also **to awaken, to give new revelation, to remove blindness.**

Fresh Revelation:
The well was there the whole time—Hagar just couldn't see it.

Your provision is already in place.
You don't need a new miracle—you need new vision.
God is opening your eyes to see what's been right in front of you.

MAIN TAKEAWAY:
The same word *paqach* is used when:

- **God opened the eyes of the blind (Isaiah 42:7).**
- **Elisha's servant saw Heaven's armies (2 Kings 6:17).**

That means: **Sometimes, your blessing isn't about what's coming—it's about what's already there.**

Tell yourself: "God, open my eyes to the wells in my life!"

5. Sincerely Talk to God!

"Lord, I release the fear that I am forgotten. I declare that I am SEEN, I am HEARD, and I am CARED FOR. Open my eyes to the wells that are already around me, and give me the courage to step into Your provision. In Jesus' name, Amen."

6. Let It ALL Out, Sister!

Journaling Prompt:
Write about a time when you felt unseen or overlooked. **How did God remind you of your worth?** If you're still in that season, **what do you need to hear from Him today?**

7. Speak Life, Queen!

✅ I am **seen** by God.
✅ I am **not invisible.**
✅ I am **not forgotten.**
✅ God's provision is **already in place for me.**

8. One Day Devo – The Moment God Found Hagar

📖 **Genesis 16:7** – *"The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the wilderness."*

Deeper Reflection:

- What does it mean that God finds us **in the wilderness**—not just in places of success?
- How has God **provided for you in unexpected ways?**
- How does Hagar's story change the way you see **your own seasons of rejection?**

📖 **Scriptures for Meditation:**
📖 **Isaiah 49:15** – *"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"*
📖 **Psalm 139:16** – *"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."*

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