

Call Me by Name
El Roi- the God Who Sees
Sunday, March 5th, 2023

Genesis 16: 6-13 NKJV

“So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid *is* in your hand; do to her as you please.” And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, 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. ⁸And 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.”⁹ The Angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.”¹⁰ Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.”¹¹ 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. ¹²He 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.”¹³ 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?”

- 1. Man-Made Vision. Prompts a mess.** Where have you altered God’s plans in your life? Has there been unexpected fall out? What?
- 2. God Vision. Enters the mess.** Where/how has God’s grace shown up in the middle of your mess? Have you noticed?
- 3. New Vision. Fulfills Divine Purpose.** Did God reset your plans? Did His plans include goodness, greater purpose, blessing? Have you honored and thanked God for what He has done?

Conclusion: Let us pray with thanksgiving to **El Roi** because we are always seen by Him. Let us give thanks to our merciful God who enters the messes of our life and brings us back to the path leading to the promised land.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of March 5-March 11, 2023

Ice Breaker: Can you think of an instance you did something and hoped no one saw you?

Read Genesis 16: 1-15.

1. What issue does Sarai have? (v.1) What is her reason? (v.2)
2. When we feel God preventing something in our life, what should we do in faith? Is it wise to take matters into our own hands if God has said no, or not now? Have you tried that?
3. What is Sarai’s alternate plan? (v.2) How does Abraham respond?
4. Read Proverbs 15:22. Did either one consult with God or others?
5. What is wrong with their plan? Is there sin? Is there fallout?
6. How did Sarai and Abraham view Hagar, their slave?
7. What changed in Hagar once she became pregnant? (v.4) Why?
8. How did this affect Sarai? (v.5) Who did Sarai blame? Why?
9. What man-made pressures were added that didn’t need to be?
10. Read Proverbs 3:7. How is this truth relevant here? For you?
11. How does Abraham respond to Hagar’s treatment of Sarai? (v.6) Was he honoring Sarai or bowing out? Was it helpful?
12. How did Sarai treat Hagar? (v.6) What was Hagar’s response?
13. Were there consequences in Hagar’s fleeing? What?
14. Where would Hagar go? Would life be better or worse?
15. Who meets Hagar in the wilderness? How was she addressed?
16. Why is this significant? Where is she from? What is her status?
17. Read Psalm 31:22. What truth must we remember?
18. What is the command given to Hagar? (v.9) Why might God want her to go back? Why might God have us stay in hard situations?
19. Was there blessing over Hagar being with Abraham and his people? How so?
20. What is the promise given to Hagar? (v.10)
21. What is the name given to her son? Why? (v.11)
22. What name does Hagar give God? (v.13) Why was this so significant to her?
23. How can remembering God sees and hears all help us as we learn to take hold of the blessings in the promised land?

Point to ponder: Ponder God as El Roi this month. Be mindful how He sees all things in your life. There is not one moment unseen by God. Let your prayers be lifted in confidence to the One who sees you.