
Date: June 9, 2024 **Message:** The God Who Sees

Series: This is My Story **Scripture:** Genesis 16:1-13

Observations from the narrative:

Principles & implications for our lives:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Genesis 16:1-13

1. Why was Hagar such an unlikely candidate (at least from a human standpoint) to have a close encounter with God?
2. In what ways does Genesis 16 illustrate the struggle we all face to trust God, particularly in desperate moments?
3. The angel of the Lord initiated the conversation with Hagar in v. 8 by asking her a couple of questions. Why does God sometimes do that in Scripture (e.g, with Adam in the Garden), if He is omniscient and already knows everything?
4. What might be the significance of the angel of the Lord appearing to Hagar in this chapter rather than to Abram or Sarai?
5. What does it mean, practically speaking, to be "seen" by God? What did it mean for Hagar? What implications does it have for our lives?
6. In v. 11, the angel says to Hagar, "The Lord has heard *your affliction*." (Note that it doesn't say "heard *of your affliction*" or "heard *about your affliction*" in the original Hebrew.) Why might this detail be significant?
7. Have you ever had a circumstance like Hagar in which you had a close encounter with God during a challenging season of your life? What did that experience teach you about God? What did it teach you about yourself?