

# WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

## SERMON NOTES

Week 2 May 8, 2022

“Sarah and Hagar”

Genesis 16:7-10, 13-14; Genesis 21:10, 15-20



### I. A Desperate Idea

- A. Sarah wants Abraham to sleep with her \_\_\_\_\_ girl so they can have a child.
- B. Hagar becomes a substitute or secondary \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham.
- C. Sarah begins to treat Hagar \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. In the Wilderness Part 1

- A. The Angel of the Lord finds \_\_\_\_\_ in her despair.
- B. The Angel tells Hagar to go \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham and Sarah.
- C. Hagar names God “El-roi,” which means the God who \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. In the Wilderness Part 2

- A. Abraham and Sarah have a child named \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ Hagar and Ismael.
- C. God says I see you, I hear you, I am going to walk with you and there is a future with \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. We are called to be God’s \_\_\_\_\_ or messengers.

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *May 9-14, 2022*

## INTRODUCTION

In this series, we are looking at the stories of women in scripture in order to learn a little bit about our own stories. These Biblical stories teach us something about who we are and who God is. Today we turn our attention to the story of Sarah and Hagar which is found in the book of Genesis. But what does that tell us about our story and who God is?

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### Monday: Psalm 118:1-9

This psalm began with the invitation to *"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever."* Then it invited specific groups to repeat, *"God's faithful love lasts forever!"* What can make it hard for you to keep focused on the truth that God's faithful love lasts forever? In what practical ways can you build daily reminders that God's faithful love lasts forever into your life?

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### Tuesday: Genesis 16:1-6

Sarai set this whole chain of events in motion, yet she was very unhappy with the results. Verse 5 quotes her as telling Abram, "This harassment is your fault." Have you ever felt like blaming the results of your own choices or actions on someone else? What has helped you to take responsibility for the things you do, so that you do not allow blaming to further damage relationships?

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### Wednesday: Genesis 16:7-15

God's messenger (a Hebrew word that is also translated "angel") met Hagar in the desert, and along with a challenge to bear the challenges of living with Sarai gave her a tremendous promise: "I will give you many children, so many they can't be counted!" In what ways has God sent messengers into your life? What has helped you to move your belief that God sees you from your intellect to your heart, to deeper inner reality?

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### Thursday: Genesis 21:1-11

It had been a long wait for Abraham and Sarah, but God's promise proved reliable. At times (cf. Hebrews 11:39-40) we don't see God's promises realized in this life at all, but wait for eternity. When have you had to wait longer than you wished for a divine promise to come true? Are there promises you are still waiting for? What helps you to hold onto faith and trust as you wait?

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### Friday: Genesis 21:12-21, 25:8-9

Hagar was divorced, rejected, and abandoned with her son, Ishmael. Their chances of survival were minimal—except for God's care and provision. But God intervened and "opened her eyes" so that they could find water. God still provides today, and one of the ways he often provides is through people like us. How can you join God and help to "provide" for your friends/family? Your church family? Your community? Your world?

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## MOVING FORWARD

The story of Sarah and Hagar reminds us that when we walk through the wilderness like Sarah, God sees us, God hears us and God sends help through people. With God, there is always a future with hope even if we can't see it. So we put our trust in him. The story also reminds us that we are called to be God's angels or messengers. So we pay attention to those in need around us and we become the hands, feet and voice of God.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) slave, B) wife, C) harshly. IIA) Hagar, B) back, C) sees.  
IIIA) Isaac, B) banishes, C) hope, D) angels.*