

Faith in the God Who Promises: The God Who Sees

Adult Devo

Main Truth: *Even when we fail, God still sees us, hears us, and responds with grace.*

Day 1 – God’s Promise and Our Impatience

Scripture: Genesis 16:1–2 – Sarai had not borne Abram any children, so she urged him to have a child through Hagar.

Reflection: God had promised Abram a son, but after ten years, Sarai’s patience ran out. Instead of trusting God’s timing, she tried to solve the problem in her own way. Impatience often tempts us to trade faith for control.

Cross-References:

- Proverbs 3:5–6 – Trust in the Lord, not your own understanding.
- Psalm 27:14 – Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart.

Application:

- Where are you tempted to “help” God by forcing a solution?
- How can remembering God’s character strengthen your patience?

Prayer: “Lord, help me to wait for Your timing and trust that Your way is always best.”

Day 2 – When We Try Our Own Way

Scripture: Genesis 16:4–6 – Hagar’s pregnancy led to jealousy, resentment, and broken relationships.

Reflection: Choosing our own way over God’s often creates unintended consequences. Sarai’s plan brought conflict into her household. Even when the plan “works,” it may not be God’s best.

Cross-References:

- Galatians 4:22–23 – Ishmael was born “according to the flesh.”
- James 1:14–15 – Desire gives birth to sin, and sin to death.

Application:

- When have you seen a shortcut create more problems than it solved?
- What steps can you take to make decisions prayerfully instead of reactively?

Prayer: “Lord, keep me from rushing ahead of You. Teach me to trust and obey.”

Day 3 – God Sees the Hurting

Scripture: Genesis 16:7–9 – The angel of the Lord found Hagar in the wilderness.

Reflection: Hagar wasn’t looking for God—she was running. But God pursued her in her pain, called her by name, and gave her direction. His compassion reaches beyond cultural, social, and relational boundaries.

Cross-References:

- Exodus 3:7 – God sees and hears the cries of His people.

- Psalm 34:17–18 – The Lord is near to the brokenhearted.

Application:

- When has God met you in your “wilderness”?
- How can you reflect God’s compassion to someone who is hurting?

Prayer: “Lord, thank You for seeing me in my pain. Help me see and serve others with Your heart.”

Day 4 – God Hears Our Prayers

Scripture: Genesis 16:10–11 – God told Hagar her son would be named Ishmael, meaning “God hears.”

Reflection: God hears every prayer, every cry for help—even from those outside the covenant family. His hearing is personal and attentive, even in situations that are messy or complicated.

Cross-References:

- Psalm 66:19–20 – God has listened and heard my prayer.
- 1 John 5:14 – If we ask according to His will, He hears us.

Application:

- What comfort does it give you to know that God hears you in every situation?
- How can you deepen your prayer life knowing that He listens attentively?

Prayer: “Lord, thank You for hearing my prayers. Help me to pray with faith and persistence.”

Day 5 – The God Who Sees Me

Scripture: Genesis 16:13 – Hagar called the Lord “El Roi”—the God who sees me.

Reflection: Hagar’s story ends not with her circumstances changing immediately, but with a new understanding of God’s presence. God sees, knows, and cares for each of His people individually.

Cross-References:

- Psalm 139:1–3 – God knows every detail of our lives.
- Hebrews 4:13 – Nothing is hidden from His sight.

Application:

- How does believing that God sees you change the way you live?
- What “El Roi” moments can you share with others to encourage their faith?

Prayer: “Lord, thank You for seeing and knowing me. Help me to live with confidence in Your care.”