

Hagar

READ

- You might like to read Genesis 16 or listen to it [here](#)
- You also might like to read Genesis 21.
- Hagar means to be dragged off / flight
- Hagar was an Egyptian slave
 - She was given by Sarah to her husband Abram to have a child
 - Once pregnant, she was mistreated by Sarai and fled
 - God met her in the desert, told her to return and promised numerous descendants
 - At Sarah's behest, and with the promise of God's care, Abraham sent Hagar and her son Ishmael away
- Hagar was the first person in scripture to name God
 - She called him El Roi - the God who sees me
- As you read about Hagar, what do you notice?



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REFLECT

- You might like to read the story once more and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for the life of Hagar and what God has to teach you through it.
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with the narrative of Hagar
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art, journalling, or another creative approach
- You might also like to read the book of Philemon
- Sex trafficking and other forms of slavery are present realities both locally and globally. You might want to look at the website of a charity that seeks to identify and address modern slavery and create a prayer collage to help you pray for those trapped in slavery today. One example is <https://www.antislavery.org/slavery-today/modern-slavery/>
- How might God be asking you to open your eyes to see human slavery and how might God be asking you to respond?



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HAGAR

A commodified body,
a womb to rent
without consent.

Oppressed and abused
I fled.

It was there He found me:
the God who sees,
saw me.