

You are the God Who Sees Me

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Revered by 2 billion people around the world as their “mother of the faith” and perhaps no other woman besides Mary has as many people who honor her.

What are we to make of Hagar?

- While powerful theology, Paul’s use of Hagar as an allegory in [Galatians 4](#) is pretty negative on Hagar.
- But Hagar in Genesis 16 wasn’t a sermon illustration; she was a real person.
- And God’s interaction with her in [Genesis 16](#) is both incredible and beautiful.
 - God calls her by name.
 - God engages in conversation with her.
 - Hagar is the only person in all the Bible to give a name to God (*El Roi* – “the God who sees me”).
- **What might you name God? “You are the God who _____.”**

A Story All about Eyes

- A wrong vision prompts the mess, a “God vision” enters the mess, and the outcome is a new vision.
- God sees Hagar and all that happens to her: every blow Sarah inflicted, every blind eye Abram turned, every injustice Hagar suffered.

How can Hagar return?

- Is it because she has received the new vision of God seeing her?
- She keeps her eyes on *El-Roi* and His grace.

Another Woman at the Well

- Jesus meets a woman who has been tossed from man to man, and he truly sees her ([John 4:1-26](#)).
- This Hagar at a well in Samaria becomes our foremother in faith, who announces the coming of the Messiah whom she has seen.
- Can we see the same?

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