

## QUESTIONS:

### “Where have you come from and where are you going?”

#### Genesis 16:1-16 (ESV)

7 The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness,  
the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai,  
**where have you come from and where are you going?”...**

#### **WHO WAS HAGAR?**

Hagar was the Egyptian slave of Sarah, Abraham’s wife. After more than a decade of not being able to get pregnant, Sarah used Hagar as a surrogate. As soon as Hagar realized she was pregnant, her attitude towards Sarah changed for the worse.

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Hagar was a woman who experienced being seen by God in all her hurt, all her bitterness, and all the unfairness of her life. Being met and seen by God, praying and crying out to Him, and then hearing from Him, changed her life. She knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God saw and loved her.

#### **GOD SAW HAGAR IN FIVE WAYS:**

1. He saw her faults. Hagar had bitterness in her heart toward Sarah that seeped out through her eyes.
2. God saw Hagar’s frustrations — with being powerless, with being abused.
3. He saw her fear — that drove her to run away.
4. God saw Hagar’s family  
— that she would have a son who would father a great nation.
5. He saw her future — the honor in her godly legacy.

#### **THE LORD TOLD HAGAR TO DO FIVE THINGS:**

1. to bear a child.
2. to be part of a bad plan that He would turn into great blessings.
3. to return to a formerly emotionally abusive situation.
4. to experience rejection.
5. to trust Him for a much brighter future.

#### **WHAT THEN CAN WE LEARN FROM HAGAR?**

1. When times are hard, the tendency is to run away.
2. If we run from hard times, we may miss God’s blessings.
3. We must evaluate what we are leaving in order to know our motive for going elsewhere.
4. It is just as important to know why we are leaving as it is to know why we are going.
5. When we are in a tough time, we must know that the Lord sees us.