

**A Desperate Mom**  
**Gen 16:7-10**

7 Now the angel of the Lord found Hagar by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8 He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." 9 Then the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority." 10 Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count." The angel of the Lord said to her further, "Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction. 12 "He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers." 13 Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

**“Motherhood”**

an activity that offers all the delights of running  
a hotel, a restaurant, a school and a taxi service,  
with none of the worry or bother of having to  
collect or spend a salary or income.

- I. God **meets** us in moments of desperation. (Gen 16:6)

"Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

1. God knows **where** we are. (v.7)

The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.

2. God knows **why** we are there. (v.8)

And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

3. God know **what** we should do. (v.9)

Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her."

- II. God has a **message** for us in moments of desperation. (v.10a)

The angel added,

1. God reveals His **promise** in the moment of desperation. (v.10b)

"I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count."

2. God reveals His **presence** in the moment of desperation. (v.11)

The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

3. God reveals a **prophecy** in the moment of desperation. (v.12)

He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

- III. God wants us to **mark** the moments of desperation. (v.14)

That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

1. The moments of desperation result in a new **perspective**. (v.13a)

***She gave this name to the Lord*** who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me,"

2. The moments of desperation result in a new **personal** marker. (v.13b)

She said, "***I have now seen the One who sees me.***"

3. The moments of desperation result in a new **plan** of action. (v.15)

So ***Hagar bore Abram a son***, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.