



How we respond to life and God will come from our \_\_\_\_\_.

**RECAP:**

When life doesn't go as it should, we can *mistakenly* believe God doesn't see or care. These circumstances can cause us to go into escape mode.

*Observations:* **Genesis 16:1-13**

1. We may know *what* we are doing but not \_\_\_\_\_ we are going.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is not God's highest goal or priority for our lives.
3. God responds to our *prayers* with a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Summary:*

God sees and hears our pain and like any good parent HE is more concerned about "*our* \_\_\_\_\_ *than our comfort.*"

\*principle from God - phrased by Pastor Rick Warren

*Practical:* How do we change...?

1. Get \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Learn what it means to belong to the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Practice these two things: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Genesis 16:1-13 (NIV)**

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. 3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

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.

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. 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.

9 Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count."

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.

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."

13 She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."