

# COMEBACK: Comeback Mom

May 9, 2021 Genesis 16:1-15; 21:17-21

## OPENING QUESTION

When you were a child, do you remember your mom ever going through a difficult time? How did she react? How did you react?

### GOD HEARS US - Genesis 16:11

- Sometimes Scripture is telling us what is happening, not what *should* be happening, and this story is one of those times.
- The name Ishmael means “God hears.” He listened to Hagar’s affliction, and He will hear yours.

Do you ever think your prayers just drift off into space without ever reaching God? What does 1 John 5:14 say about how good of a listener God is? He hears you!

### GOD SPEAKS TO US - Genesis 16:13

- God specifically gave Hagar instructions.
- We serve a living God who speaks to us and guides us to our comeback. It is important to put ourselves in a position to hear God’s voice and direction.

How does God speak to you? How do you listen to Him? What are some ways you can be more attentive to listening to what He has to say to you?

### GOD SEES US - Genesis 16:13

- The LORD saw her. Hagar was overlooked in society.
- Yet the God of the universe appeared to her and made her feel seen.
- The God of the universe sees you!

Who in your life really sees you? What does that mean to you? How do you respond to the fact that God sees you and cares about what He sees?

### GOD LOOKS AFTER US - Genesis 16:13

- He hears us, He speaks to us, He sees us and He looks after us (provides for us).
- God takes care of Hagar in her distress and He will take care of you, too.

Are you currently looking after someone? How do you feel about the people you take care of? What does it mean to you that God looks after you? Can you give a specific example?

### GOD IS WITH US - Genesis 21:17-21

- We can rest in the fact that God did not abandon Ishmael and Hagar and He will not abandon us.
- When you are in your low places and everything looks bleak, God sees you, He speaks to you, He hears you, and most importantly, He is with you!

Have you ever been abandoned? When? Do you believe that God will never abandon you, no matter what the circumstances?



# CALL IT A COMEBACK

## CLOSING QUESTIONS

### Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week’s sermon and Scriptures?

### Obey

Can you think of a time when God clearly *heard* you? *Saw* you? *Spoke* to you? *Looked after* (provided for) you? What does it mean to say that God is *with* us? What does Romans 8:1, 31 say about that? What example has God provided through Hagar and Ishmael for us?

### Pray

Pray that God will speak clearly to you this week, showing you that He hears, sees, and provides for you. *Immanuel* - God with us! It’s not just for Christmas!