



Daily Devotionals – The God Who Sees You

Day 1 – The God Who Finds You

Scripture

“The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert.” — *Genesis 16 :7*

Reflection

Before Hagar ever called Him “*the God who sees,*” God first found her. She didn’t go searching for Him — He came searching for her. That’s what grace does. God doesn’t wait for us to get it together; He steps into the wilderness of our lives and meets us right where we are.

Story

A young woman moved to a new city after a painful breakup. She told herself she wanted a fresh start, but loneliness shadowed every day. One Sunday morning she wandered into a small neighborhood café, just hoping to feel normal for a while. The barista, noticing her teary eyes, said, “Rough morning?” That simple question led to an unexpected conversation about hope, heartbreak, and faith. For the first time in months, she felt seen.

Later that afternoon she remembered something she had read years ago: “*The Lord found Hagar by a spring in the desert.*” That phrase replayed in her heart until it sank in. She realized God hadn’t forgotten her; He had found her again in a city she thought was too big for Him to notice.

Prayer

God who searches and saves, thank You for finding me when I wander.

Meet me in the quiet places where I feel unseen.

Remind me that Your love reaches farther than my fear.

Help me rest in the truth that You will always find me first. Amen.

Day 2 – When God Calls Your Name

Scripture

“He said, ‘Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?’”
— *Genesis 16 :8*

Reflection

God already knew Hagar’s name, yet He spoke it aloud. In a world that defined her only by her role, God affirmed her identity. When God calls us by name, He restores the dignity that pain or people may have taken away.

Story

A nurse working night shifts in an overcrowded ER felt invisible. She spent her nights caring for others while no one seemed to notice her exhaustion. One evening a patient gripped her hand and said, “Thank you, *Laura*. You’re the first person who’s really looked at me tonight.” The sound of her own name startled her. It reminded her that she wasn’t just a cog in a machine — she was a person seen by both patients and by God.

Driving home at sunrise, she prayed softly, “Lord, You see me too, don’t You?” In that moment she realized God had been calling her name all along — through small kindnesses, through gentle reminders, through moments that whispered, *You still matter*.

Prayer

Lord, You know me better than I know myself.
When the world forgets my name, speak it again in love.
Call me back to who You created me to be.
Let me never forget that I am known and cherished by You. Amen.

Day 3 – The Question That Heals

Scripture

“Where have you come from, and where are you going?” — *Genesis 16 :8*

Reflection

God’s question wasn’t meant to shame Hagar; it was meant to heal her. Honest questions invite us to stop running and to face both our past and our direction. God still asks gentle questions that open the heart before He offers direction.

Story

A widower spent months avoiding his friends after his wife’s passing. He couldn’t bear the questions, the memories, the sympathy. One evening, his neighbor knocked on the door

simply to bring soup. Before leaving, she asked quietly, “Where are you heading these days?” The question lingered long after she left. For the first time, he thought about how much he had stopped living.

That night he whispered to God, “I don’t know where I’m going, but I don’t want to keep running.” It was a turning point — not a dramatic one, but a real one. Like Hagar, he realized healing begins when we stop fleeing and start listening.

Prayer

God of truth and tenderness, thank You for meeting me where I am.

Help me to stop running long enough to hear Your voice.

Show me where I’ve come from and where You’re leading me next.

Heal me through Your questions and guide me by Your grace. Amen.

Day 4 – The Promise in the Wilderness

Scripture

“The angel of the Lord said to her, ‘I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.’” — *Genesis 16 :10*

Reflection

Hagar had nothing — no home, no plan, no safety — but God gave her a promise. God’s promises aren’t cancelled by our pain; they are often born in it.

Story

A single mother worked two jobs after losing her husband unexpectedly. Every night she collapsed into bed wondering if her efforts made any difference. One evening, her young son left a note on her pillow that said, “Mom, when I grow up, I want to help people like you help me.” Tears filled her eyes. In that small moment, she realized God was shaping something beyond her exhaustion.

Years later, that boy became a youth counselor, telling others how his mother’s faith carried them. The promise had taken root in the desert of hardship. Hagar’s spring of water still runs through stories like that — hope found in barren places.

Prayer

God of promises, thank You for meeting me in dry seasons.

When I see only loss, remind me You see potential.

Let Your hope take root in my wilderness.

Teach me to trust that nothing is wasted in Your hands. Amen.

Day 5 – The God Who Tells the Truth

Scripture

“He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him.” — *Genesis 16 :12*

Reflection

God told Hagar the truth about her future — that it would be difficult but meaningful. God’s love doesn’t hide the reality of struggle; it prepares us to face it with courage and faith.

Story

A young athlete dreamed of going pro until a severe injury ended his career. During rehab, his coach told him, “You might not play again, but you can still lead.” Those words felt harsh at first, but they became a doorway. He began mentoring younger athletes, helping them navigate the same challenges he once faced. What started as loss became legacy.

Hagar’s message from God was similar: life would not be easy, but it would still have purpose. Sometimes God’s truth stings before it saves. His honesty isn’t punishment — it’s preparation.

Prayer

Faithful God, thank You for speaking truth even when it’s hard.

When Your words challenge me, help me trust Your heart.

Give me courage to walk through difficulty with grace.

Let honesty become the beginning of hope. Amen.

Day 6 – The God Who Sees Me

Scripture

“She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: ‘You are the God who sees me.’” — *Genesis 16 :13*

Reflection

Hagar became the first person in Scripture to name God. In that moment she learned that even when she felt invisible to people, she was completely visible to Him.

Story

A city bus driver started each morning before sunrise, shuttling workers who rarely looked up from their phones. One winter day, an elderly passenger smiled and said, “You must have the hardest job, but you make it look easy.” That brief kindness lingered all day. Later he told a coworker, “It’s strange how one person noticing you can change everything.”

That's what Hagar experienced in the desert. One encounter with the God who sees turned despair into dignity. The same God still sees us — in traffic, in meetings, in quiet tears we never speak aloud.

Prayer

God who sees, thank You for noticing what others overlook.
When I feel forgotten, remind me that Your gaze never leaves.
Help me see others through that same compassionate lens.
Let the awareness of being seen anchor my soul. Amen.

Day 7 – Returning Different

Scripture

“So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.” — *Genesis 16 :15*

Reflection

Hagar went back to the same place she fled from, but she wasn't the same woman. Encounters with God don't always change our surroundings — they change us from within.

Story

A woman left a toxic workplace after months of mistreatment. A year later, she returned — not to work there again, but to speak at a staff retreat about mental health and resilience. The same halls that once echoed with pain now held her testimony. “I came back different,” she said. “God healed what I thought would always hurt.”

Hagar's return was similar. She went back carrying new peace, not new problems. Sometimes God sends us back to familiar places so that His grace can be seen through our transformation.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for changing me in the wilderness.
Help me re-enter old spaces with renewed strength.
Let my story reflect Your mercy and my scars reveal Your grace.
May others see through me the God who sees them too. Amen.