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The Living One Who Sees Me (and You)

Genesis 16

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Introduction: It's very, very, very hard to wait

In defense of Sarai & Abram

But it's still not okay...

Acknowledging the oppressed

The lowly exalted

The Exalted lowered

For Discussion:

It'd been 10 years since God promised to make a nation of Abram. Are there places God is calling you to wait right now?

Sarai provided a plausible solution, but it wasn't God's plan. How have you been tempted to take matters into your own hands?

Sarai's plan led to major upheaval in their family relationships. Where have you experienced fallout in relationships when you've tried to control circumstances? When have you been on the receiving end of this type of behavior?

Hagar is both oppressed and culpable in this story. Where have you observed similar dynamics personally, or in the wider world?

How does it encourage you that God saw Hagar and met her in the wilderness? Like Hagar, commanded to return and submit to Sarai, how has God called you into challenging circumstances? In what ways has he met you in those places?

Jesus humbled himself to become a servant. What difference does this make when you face the challenging circumstances discussed above?