

Eyes Of Jesus

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Genesis 21:11-21

Hagar is not the well-loved hero of this portion of Scripture. While no one would wish harm on her, most people can probably understand how Sarah felt. Most women would not want to look at their husband's "other woman" and child every day.

Thankfully, God does not look at us the way Sarah looked at Hagar. God does not look at us as the slave or the illegitimate child. God looks at us with a limitless love and compassion we can hardly imagine.

While Jesus discussed the lack of laborers, Matthew pointed out that, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (9:36). Jesus saw the crowd as they were—helpless. The same people who would likely be shouting for his crucifixion in a few chapters, he saw them as they were and had compassion.

Oh to have the eyes of Jesus to see the difficult people in our lives, that we do not want to like, as helpless, harassed and as a sheep without a shepherd! To have the eyes and mind of Christ should be the standard and goal to which we strive.

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