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Psalm 34:15-22

There is a theme throughout Scripture that is echoed here in Psalm 34: God hears and is close to the brokenhearted. We see this idea in the story of Hagar in Genesis 16, where she cries out to God after running away from the abuses of Sarai. Hagar gives God the name "El Roi" which means "the God who sees me."

We see this again in the New Testament when Jesus is preaching the Sermon on the Mount and declares, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). These are just a few of numerous examples of where God reveals that He hears and is close to those who are brokenhearted.

We have all experienced brokenheartedness at one time or another. It may be through extreme loss, grief, or pain. Maybe we are dealing with the consequences of unjust systems or abuse at the hands of others, like Hagar. We can take comfort in knowing that when we feel all alone in our broken-heartedness, God hears us, God sees us, and God is close to us.

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