

God Always Hears Us

Description

Genesis 21:14-21

Have you ever been guilty of questioning God or thinking God cannot hear you? As Abraham sent Hagar and their son Ishmael away, I imagine Hagar was questioning God.

Even Abraham was reluctant to send them away. In verse 11, we read, "The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son." • God comforted Abraham by confirming that Hagar and Ishmael should leave; then promised that Ishmael would become a great nation.

The next day, Hagar and Ishmael were sent off with some food and water. The food and water were soon depleted, which left them in a critical condition. In fact, their condition was so grave that Hagar left her son (scholars say he was probably at least 14 years old) lying under a bush crying because she could not stand to watch him die. God heard Hagar and Ishmael! An angel was sent to comfort them. Then God opened Hagar's eyes to a well and promised that Ishmael would be a great nation!

God, help us never to forget: You always hear us!

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