

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principles 121-1

“The God Who Sees.”

The story of Hagar is one of the most powerful biblical foundations for the message **“Jesus sees you.”** It is not just a supportive illustration—it is actually the **first time in Scripture that a human being gives God a name based on personal encounter.**

The account appears in the Book of Genesis.

1. Hagar: The First Person in Scripture to Say “God Sees Me”

Hagar was an Egyptian servant of Sarah. Through complicated human decisions involving Abraham and Sarah, Hagar became pregnant with Ishmael.

But when conflict arose in the household, Hagar fled into the wilderness.

Consider her condition:

- a servant
- a foreigner
- pregnant
- alone
- rejected
- in the desert

She was a person who would normally be **invisible in society.**

Yet in that moment, something remarkable happened.

God met her in the wilderness.

After this encounter, Hagar said something extraordinary:

“You are the God who sees me.”

She called God **EI Roi**, which means **“The God Who Sees.”**

This moment is profound because:

The first person in the Bible to name God from experience is not Abraham, not a prophet, not a king.

It is a marginalized woman alone in the desert.

2. The First Person Seen Was Not the Powerful

This reveals something essential about the heart of God.

The first recorded declaration that **God sees people** did not happen:

- in a temple
- in a palace
- through religious authority

It happened **in the wilderness to someone overlooked by the world**.

That pattern continues throughout Scripture.

Jesus constantly noticed people others overlooked:

- the blind
- the poor
- the rejected
- the outcast

Which is why the phrase “**Jesus sees you**” carries such deep biblical authority.

3. The Well That Was Named

After the encounter, the place was named:

Beer-lahai-roi

Meaning:

“The well of the Living One who sees me.”

Notice something beautiful.

Where Hagar expected death in the wilderness, **a well appeared**.

Being seen by God became the place where **life emerged**.

This connects beautifully with the teaching you shared earlier about **the desert, the well, and the bottle**.

4. The Parallel to the 5/20 Project

When an influencer approaches someone and says:

“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.”

you are repeating the same revelation Hagar experienced.

You are declaring that **the God who met Hagar in the wilderness is still seeing people today.**

The \$20 bill becomes a small but tangible confirmation of that message.

It communicates:

This is not just a sentence.
Heaven has noticed you.

For many people, especially those struggling or feeling invisible, that moment can feel like **their own desert encounter with El Roi.**

5. The Surprising Continuation of the Story

Something else in the Hagar story is deeply important for the theology of the 5/20 Project.

Hagar's son Ishmael and Sarah's son Isaac eventually become part of the same family story.

Despite human mistakes, conflict, and brokenness, **God's promises still moved forward.**

It shows something important:

God's attention is not limited by human failure.

He still sees.

He still responds.

He still redeems.

6. Why This Matters for Influencers

Many influencers may wonder:

What if I approach the wrong person?

What if I misunderstand the Spirit's leading?

The Hagar story reminds us:

God saw Hagar **before she even knew to ask for help**

The influencer is simply participating in the same compassionate awareness.

They are not responsible for orchestrating miracles.

They are simply responding to **the God who sees people first**.

7. A Simple Teaching for Influencers

In the book of Genesis, a woman named Hagar fled into the wilderness feeling forgotten and invisible.

But God met her there, and she gave Him a name: **El Roi — the God who sees me**.

When we tell someone “Jesus sees you, Jesus loves you,” we are declaring the same truth Hagar discovered in the desert.

The God who saw her is still seeing people today.

A Beautiful Way to Tie the Entire 5/20 Project Together

The 5/20 Project is built on a simple but powerful truth first spoken by Hagar in the wilderness:

God sees people the world overlooks.

When influencers give a \$20 bill and say “Jesus sees you, Jesus loves you,” they are carrying the same message Hagar discovered:

For more information on how you can be involved

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