

# BE ROOTED, KNOW GOD BY HIS NAMES: EL ROI

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## WORSHIP

God So Loved,  
Your Name-  
Christmas Version,  
Never Once

## WELCOME

Is there someone  
you wish you could  
see in person this  
Christmas? How  
about someone you  
wish would see you  
this holiday season?  
Why?

## WORD

**READ IT!**  
**GENESIS 16:7-16**

**7** Now the angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. **8** He said, "Hagar, Sarai's slave woman, from where have you come, and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." **9** So the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority." **10** The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count." **11** The angel of the Lord said to her further,

**"Behold, you are pregnant, And you will give birth to a son; And you shall name him [j]Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction.**

**12** But he will be a wild donkey of a man; His hand will be against everyone, And everyone's hand will be against him; And he will live [k]in defiance of all his brothers."

**13** Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees me"; for she said, "Have I even seen Him here and lived after He saw me?"

**14** Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.**15** So Hagar bore a son to Abram; and Abram named his son, to whom Hagar gave birth, Ishmael. **16** Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

(For context, read the entire Genesis 16)

## PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses (v. 7-16) in your own words.

## TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about following God?
- How does knowing that God sees you impact your relationship with Him?

## POINT IT OUT!

**1. When you don't trust God, there are always consequences** (Gen. 2:24; 16:1-5,12; Gen. 21:1-21)

- Sarai comes up with her own solution to fulfill God's promise. She adapted to a culturally and socially acceptable practice to have a surrogate (Hagar) for child-bearing.
- But the Bible clearly says that sex is for a man and his wife only.

**2. Jesus Himself saw Hagar's predicament and gave her a promise** (Gen. 16:10; 18)

- The angel of the LORD is the pre-incarnate Christ, making Himself known in the Old Testament.
- As God, the angel of the LORD (Jesus) is able to make personal promises (v.10- "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.")
- Hagar recognizes that she has seen God when she was talking to the angel of the LORD (v.13 "You are a God who sees me").

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### 3. El Roi, the “God Who Sees” seeks out even the unseen and underprivileged among us (Gen. 16:7-13)

- No one has a monopoly on God. Hagar was a female slave, a foreigner (an Egyptian), with no social standing, she was marginalized.
- Amazingly, Hagar is the first woman in the Bible that the angel of the LORD (Jesus) had a conversation with.
- Hagar saw God, and was the only woman given the privilege to name Him. God had revealed Himself using His own words— “I am Elohim...Yahweh...El Shaddai”, but here, it was Hagar who gave God a name.

### 4. God not only SEES but He HEARS us

(Gen. 16:11; Gen. 21:17)

- The angel tells Hagar to call her son Ishmael “**because the LORD has heard your affliction**” (Gen. 16:11b).
- The LORD not only heard Hagar, but Ishmael’s cries (Gen. 21:17).

### 5. Trust the God who sees you! He is the main character in your story working out His plan for you

(Romans 8:28; Hebrews 3:15)

- God sees you—but do you see God at work in your life? If you sense God speaking to you, do not harden your heart. Put your trust in Jesus TODAY

## WORKS

### APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on God’s name: El Roi write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make this your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

- Simple
- Measurable
- Appropriate
- Realistic
- Time-bound

“I will \_\_\_\_\_”

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that people will truly know God as El Roi. Share how you experienced the reality that God sees you and hears you especially during the times you felt so alone and without hope.

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### I. Thanksgiving

Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

### II. Country and the World

Upright and moral governance of Public Servants

A God-centered Philippines

Repentance and Salvation

### III. Church

That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples

Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families

Ministries and Churches worldwide

### IV. CCF Facilities

Worship and Training Center

Prayer Mountain

### V. Personal Concerns

Deeper intimate relationship with God

Righteous living

Salvation of family and friends