



Hagar: Hope for the Hopeless  
Part 1  
Genesis 16, 21  
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**It Isn't Easy Being Green: Life When You're MISUNDERSTOOD...**  
*Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my servant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Genesis 16:1-2*

#### Who Is Hagar?

- **A WOMAN...**
- **A FOREIGNER...**
- **A SLAVE...**
- **A LOSER...**

**It Isn't Easy Being USED: Life When You're REJECTED...**  
*Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." "Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. Genesis 16:5-6*

**It Isn't Easy Doing RIGHT: Life When GOD Steps In**  
*Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." Genesis 16:9-10*

- **Where the Hopeless Find HOPE: The God Who SEES and HEARS!**  
*You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery... She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." Genesis 16:11b, 13*

**It Isn't Easy Feeling BETRAYED: Life When God Seems to FORGET...**

*But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your servant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the servant into a nation also, because he is your offspring." Genesis 21:9-13*

**It Isn't Easy BELIEVING... : Life When It's Happening AGAIN...**  
*God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. Genesis 21:17-19*

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- **God Really Does Keep His Promises...**

#### Just NOT LIKE YOU'D EXPECT!

*God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt. Genesis 21:20-21*