Unshakable Faith

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5. God's Total Awareness

God is aware of all that is happening in my life. He has not forgotten me He has promised only to allow those things to come into my life that can be of benefit to His kingdom and ultimately to me. He knows what He is doing and I must trust Him.

Genesis 16:1-16 (NLT2)

- ¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar.
- ² So Sarai said to Abram, "The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal.
- ³ So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.)

- ⁴ So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt.
- ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt. The LORD will show who's wrong—you or me!"
- ⁶ Abram replied, "Look, she is your servant, so deal with her as you see fit." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she finally ran away.

- ⁷ The angel of the LORD found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness, along the road to Shur.
- ⁸ The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied.
- ⁹ The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority."
- ¹⁰ Then he added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count."

- ¹¹ And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for the LORD has heard your cry of distress.
- This son of yours will be a wild man, as untamed as a wild donkey! He will raise his fist against everyone, and everyone will be against him. Yes, he will live in open hostility against all his relatives."
- ¹³ Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the LORD, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?"

- 14 So that well was named Beer-lahai-roi (which means "well of the Living One who sees me"). It can still be found between Kadesh and Bered.
- ¹⁵ So Hagar gave Abram a son, and Abram named him Ishmael.
- ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born.

I. God sees you.

Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the LORD, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?"

Matthew 10:29 (NLT2)

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.

Luke 12:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (NASB)

- ²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;
- ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

 ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

- ²⁹ so that no man may boast before God.
- ³⁰ But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,
- 31 so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT2)

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

II. God hears your cries.

And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for the LORD has heard your cry of distress.

Psalm 107:4-7 (NASB)

- ⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city.
- ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses.
- ⁷ He led them also by a straight way, To go to an inhabited city.

Psalm 107:10-14 (NASB)

- ¹⁰ There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains,
- 11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God And spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- ¹² Therefore He humbled their heart with labor; They stumbled and there was none to help.
- ¹³ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.
- ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death And broke their bands apart.

Psalm 107:17-20 (NASB)

- ¹⁷ Fools, because of their rebellious way, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.
- ¹⁸ Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.
- ¹⁹ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.
- ²⁰ He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

III. He guides your life...

⁸ The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied.

Return to you Master.

⁹ The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority."

Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

