

**HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO DIFFICULT SITUATIONS?
THE GOD WHO SEES AND CARES FOR US
Genesis 16:7-16**

- I. **WE NEED TO KNOW THE LORD GRACIOUSLY SEES OUR AFFLICTION, even when we respond wrongly or might have caused it:** The Lord who sees seeks out fleeing Hagar (7, 11, 13-16)

- II. **WE NEED TO LISTEN TO WHAT LORD HAS TO SAY ABOUT US AND OUR TRIAL:** The Lord calls upon Hagar to examine self, actions and then repent and humbly submit to Sarai, her mistress and then He will bless her (8-12)
 - A. **The Lord calls on us to remember who we are and examine our actions** (8)

 - B. **The Lord calls upon us to repent and humbly submit** to the authority He has ordained, even if we are treated harshly (9)

 - C. **The Lord will bless us if we obey Him** (10-12)

- III. **WE NEED TO RESPOND, PRAISING, OBEYING, AND GIVING THE LORD THE GLORY:** Hagar calls upon and praises the Lord who sees, then returns in obedience, sharing what the Lord has done (13-16)
 - A. In response, Hagar calls upon the Lord, praising Him (13)

 - B. In response, Hagar obeys, returning and sharing what the Lord has done (14-16)