

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:1-3

“So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.” Gen 12:4

1. Understand faith in God is always tested to prove it is genuine

“And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.” Gen 15:6

“Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had not been able to bear children for him.” Gen 16:1

2. In times of distress remember that God hears and sees your pain

The angel of the Lord found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness, along the road to Shur. ⁸The angel said to her, “Hagar, Sarai’s servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?” Gen 16:7-8

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?” ¹⁴So that well was named Beer-lahai-roi (which means “well of the Living One who sees me”). Gen 16:13-14

3. Look for Gods solutions, they are always worth waiting for

The angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority.” Gen 16:9

‘But God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, “Hagar, what’s wrong? Do not be afraid! God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸Go to him and comfort him, for I will make a great nation from his descendants.” ¹⁹Then God opened Hagar’s eyes, and she saw a well full of water...and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰And God was with the boy as he grew up in the wilderness. He became a skilful archer, ²¹and he settled in the wilderness of Paran.’ Gen 21:17-21

“The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. ²She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. ³And Abraham named their son Isaac... ⁵Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.” Gen 21:1-3