

Hagar: Suffering and Hearing God

There are lessons which your rebellious nature cannot learn unless you submit to God in trials ([Eph 6:5-8](#)).

Lessons from the Story of Hagar

- Read the story of Hagar ([Gen 16](#)).
 - ▶ Why was Sarai angry with Hagar ([Gen 16:5](#))?
 - ▶ What did Hagar do when Sarai punished her ([Gen 16:6](#))?
 - ▶ When God spoke to Hagar, what did He tell her to do ([Gen 16:7-9](#))?

- When you catch a glimpse of God in your trials, how do you react ([Gen 16:13](#))?

- What is your greatest need in times of trials?
 - ▶ [1Peter 5:6-7](#)
 - ▶ [1Peter 3:14-15](#)

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Dig a Little Deeper: Expect and Respond to Suffering

Suffering 1Pet 4:12	You will have struggles in life.
Savior John 14:6	God loves you and provides a way to have a relationship with Him.
Submission 1Pet 5:6	You decide if you will submit to Jesus. Your decision has consequences.
Servanthood Gal 1:10	You decide if you will serve Jesus in all areas of your life.
Sacrifice Luke 9:23	Life may not get better from a physical perspective; however, your outlook improves as you grow in your relationship with Christ.
Scripture Luke 4:4	God wants you to listen to His Word.

Application Exercise: Ponder on Christ and Suffering

Think about this quote.
Read it again the next time you experience a trial.

*Christ did not come to do away with suffering;
He did not come to explain it;
He came to fill it with His presence.
-Paul Claudel*