**Pastor Demetric Felton November 20, 2022**

**EL ROI, The God Who Sees Me**

Genesis 16:1-13

**Key Truth:** God sees, hears, and cares for you.

**What’s This Story All About:**

1. God shows that no matter how alone you feel, He sees

 you and is always working in our circumstances for our

 good and His glory.

2. God revealed Himself to Hagar because Abram and

 Sarah were poor representations at the time.

 A. Hagar is not viewed as a person but as property by

 Abram and Sarah.

 B. God sees her as person created in His image.

3. No one is out of the reach of God’s sight, grace, and love.

**Encountering EL Roi:**

1. Even in hard times, we must believe God is there.

2. As EL Roi, God reminds us that he sees us as individuals

 that are worthy of His love and grace.

 A. To be seen by God is to be known and not forgotten.

 B. To be seen by God is one of humanity’s greatest need.

3. God is concerned about every situation you face in life.

4. God is near to the broken hearted. Psalm 34:18

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for seeing, knowing, and watching over you. Ask Him to strengthen and encourage you with the knowledge of His sovereignty over your circumstances that you might obey Him and glorify Him.

**Food For Thought:**

In Genesis 16:1-16: At this point in Abram and Sarai’s story, do you think either of them truly believed God saw them and was watching out for them?

How did Abram and Sarai’s actions affect Hagar and Ishmael?

Has there been a time in your life when your actions showed disbelief that God was watching over you? What happened?

Read Genesis 16:7-13: How does God comfort Hagar?

How does being reminded that God is “the God who sees” impact the way you live today?

What do you need to trust God with?

Be Encouraged This Week:

**His Eye Is On The Sparrow**

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,

Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,

When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

**Refrain:**

I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,

For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.