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BOOK TWO

Well of Beerlahairoi – *well of life... well of vision,
Where one sees God and yet lives*



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Day 5

Do you feel like running away sometimes? Run! God is going to meet you at your destination. If you choose to run away be ready to answer God's questions: "*where have you come from*" and "*where are you going?*" (Genesis 16:8) If your responses to God's questions are "I am running away from ..." or "I have no definitive plans, just running...", be ready to run back. (Genesis 16:9) You will return by way of the ***Well of Beerlahairoi***. At the ***Well of Beerlahairoi*** you will experience the presence and wisdom of God. At the ***Well of Beerlahairoi*** God will pour into you and give you vision. At the ***Well of Beerlahairoi*** God will give instruction on how to endure what you thought you could not survive. The run-away at this well is Hagar, Sarai's servant.

Typically, all we hear about Hagar is that she had Abram's baby and that Hagar and Sarai had serious issues with each other. We muddle over the part that God was with Hagar during her tumultuous time as the woman who carried another woman's husband's child. We traditionally do not consider where God is in Hagar's life. God was there. God came looking for the run-away Hagar. God found the run-away in the *wilderness* by a *spring of water*. God revealed the promise of a son, her son's name, and her son's destiny. In reverence and honor to God, Hagar named her God: *So she named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El-roi"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?"*¹⁴ *Therefore the well was called Beerlahai-roi; ...*" (Genesis 16:13-14 NRSV)

Imagine that God is asking you the following questions. Take your time and answer God.

_____ “where have you come from?”
Place your Name Here

_____ “where are you going?”
Place your Name Here

_____ “what are you running from?”
Place your Name Here

Prayer: God, our Father, I am tired of running. Re-direct my path back to you. I want to be released from the fear of defeat, fear of success, fear of rejection, and fear of failure. Help me Lord, for I am weak.

Complete your prayer:

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Day 6

While Hagar was pregnant with her son Ishmael, she was so focused on running away that she gave no thought as to where she was running to. We know this because it is recorded that God found Hagar by a spring in the wilderness. The wilderness is typically a place that does not offer the comforts of life. Hagar did not care that in the wilderness she had to figure out shelter, food, and survival from the elements and dangers of the wilderness. Hagar was running from oppression and pain. She was desperately seeking relief. In the wilderness, however, is where God ran after Hagar.

Hagar had a second wilderness experience. After Ishmael was born, Hagar was kicked out and she wandered back into the wilderness. Once Hagar's water supply was depleted she feared for her son's life and cried. The baby was in distress and cried as well. (***Genesis 21:15-16***) . This time, God's angel from heaven spoke to Hagar. Again, God questioned Hagar. God asked, "What troubles you, Hagar?" (***Genesis 21:17 NRSV***). God comforted Hagar by acknowledging that he heard the cry of her son. Then God opened Hagar's eyes and she saw the well of water. (***Genesis 21:19***)

Hagar is proof that a wilderness experience is not always a negative experience. If Hagar had not been in the wilderness she may not have experienced the awesome presence of God. Only a God can release you from your pain and open your eyes to all that life has to offer.

Are your Eyes Open? Take time today to reflect on situations in your life where God provided you with what you needed, but you did not realize it until it was too late.

God promises that he is a God of provision: *They shall not hunger or thirst, Hot wind and sun shall not strike them; he will guide them to springs of water. (Isaiah 49:10 NRSV)*

Offer a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for always being our God of Provision (Jehovah Jireh ~ Genesis 22:14):

Prayer: God Almighty, I am grateful that you are my Creator; that man can never take credit for the blessings in my life. Thank you for keeping me and encouraging me. I bless your Holy name. **Amen.**

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Day 7

The Hebrew translation for Beerlahairoi is “well of life, of vision, where one sees God and yet lives.” The Well of Beerlahairoi represents Hagar’s encounter with God. This portion of scripture is silent on how Hagar understood that “no man can see God face to face.” But God’s Holy Word unveils through Moses encounters with God why God showing up and speaking to Hagar in her wilderness was so extraordinary.

¹⁸He said, “Oh, let me behold Your Presence!” ¹⁹And He answered, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim before you the name Lord, and the grace that I grant and the compassion that I show. ²⁰But,” he said, you cannot see My face, for man may not see Me and live.” (Exodus 33:18-20 NRSV)

Hagar revered and honored God by naming her God. Hagar identified what God meant to her in her wilderness.

Can you name your God? What does your God mean to you?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, take control my life today. I need to feel the Power of the Presence of God. God, You are everthing to me. God, You are...

Complete your prayer:

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Day 8 ***“Well of Vision”***

We have a few more days at the ***“Well of Life, Well of Vision.”*** Over the next three days commit to seeking God for discernment and wisdom about the visions(s) God has revealed to you.

Many times we prematurely draw conclusions about how we are going to accomplish that which God has given us. The manifestation of the ***vision*** cannot always be calendared. Our responsibility to God is to say yes to the ***Vision***; diligently seek God for guidance; and walk in faith trusting God that the ***vision*** will come to pass. It is not our business when the vision will come to pass, all we know is God gave the vision and we are the vessel God wants to use for his Glory.

Life will distract and discourage you. You cannot abandon a God given vision. Do not allow the vision to rot or fail in your heart because you are tired. We have to release all that garbage that Satan had deceitfully dumped into us. We need to be healed and released from the confusion, mess, depression, oppression, guilt and pain. God wants to move in your life so that others may witness the move of God in your life.

Dedicate this day of fasting and prayer to seeking God’s strength. Ask God to increase your faith. Ask God to release negative thoughts or thoughts of doubt.

Search *YouTube* for Kurt Carr's song, *I Almost Let Go*. Kurt speaks about being on the *edge of a breakthrough, but could not see* the breakthrough. At the Well of Vision, God opens eyes so that we may see. If you do not have access to the internet here are excerpts of the lyrics:

I Almost let go; I felt like I just couldn't take life anymore; My problems had me bound; Depression weighed me down; But God held me close; so I wouldn't let go; God's mercy kept me so I wouldn't let go. I almost gave up. I was right at the edge of a breakthrough, but couldn't see it...

God honors and blesses periods of fasting and prayer. A fast ordained by God will “*unlock fetters of wickedness, untie the cords of the yoke; free the oppressed; and break off every yoke.*” (*Isaiah 58:6 ~ The Jewish Study Bible*)

Our fast has been ordained by God. Our breakthrough is available to us.

Confess to God where you are emotionally?

Are you tired? ____ Yes; ____ No

Are you experiencing depression? ____ Yes; ____ No

Is your mind confused to the point where you cannot see the vision anymore?
Talk to God today.

Prayer: Lord God have mercy on me. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World, have mercy on me. Thank you Lord for hearing and answering my prayer of mercy, **Amen**.

Assignment: As you continue to seek God for wisdom and understanding of your place and role in the vision, study Ezekiel 40:1-4. This will serve as background for the “Well of Life.”

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Day 9
“Well of Life”

On the Banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.
(Ezekiel 47:12 NRSV)

Tomorrow is our last day at the ***Well of Beerlahairoi***. Today we will meditate on the fountain of life that is available to all of us. Hagar thought she and her son were going to die in the wilderness. She could not see the source of life available to her because of her fear and grief. The Well of Life helps us overcome that spirit of defeat and hopelessness.

In Ezekiel Chapters 40-47, God gave his prophet the vision for God’s New Temple. In Chapter 47 God shares the vision for the water that is to flow from the temple. Our focus-scripture today reveals that in the water that flows from the sanctuary there is life. Water from the sanctuary reverses desert situations. The flow of water from the sanctuary produces fruit. Water from the sanctuary provides all that we need.

If you know someone that has given up, encourage your brother or sister. Let them know there is hope. Water flows from the sanctuary today. If you are reading this and you are not a part of a Body of Christ (church), ask God to direct you on where to go to experience the flow from the sanctuary. Receive life today.

In our focus-scripture today, God told Ezekiel that the water that flows from the sanctuary will grow trees that produce leaves of healing. Today pick all the leaves you need for healing of self, family, friends, co-workers etc. Assign a name to every leaf you pick. Write the names below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

In our focus-scripture today, God also told Ezekiel that the water that flows from the sanctuary will nurture and grow trees that bear fresh fruit every month. God said the fruit will not fail and the fruit is for our food. There are many that are hungry because they have never eaten the fruit nurtured by waters from the sanctuary. Introduce family, friends, co-workers to this fruit. Bring them to the sanctuary to receive life. Buy a box of blank note cards. Write a personalized note to each person you want to invite to the sanctuary.

Prayer: Father, we thank you for the flow from the sanctuary. Increase our discipleship that we may witness to those that are lost. Create in us an urgency to ...

Complete your prayer:

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***Day 10
Reflection***

Today concludes our time at the Well of Beerlahairoi. Today is a day of reflection. Hagar's experience with God is a great example of how God loves and accepts all of us. It did not matter to God that Hagar was a slave-girl. God shows no partiality. (***Romans 2:11***) God heard her cry and God answered.

Sometimes we disqualify ourselves from the blessings of God. We measure our worthiness by the world's standards. Man did not create us. Man did not endure the ultimate sacrifice of the cross. The end result of man's blood dropping to the ground is a permanent stain on the earth. We are redeemed by the blood of lamb which grants us the opportunity to eternal life. (***1 Peter 1:18-19***)

Reflect on your week at the Well of Beerlahairoi.

When we arrived at the well, God asked you a few questions. Answer God today and compare your answers to your first day at the well.

_____ “where have you come from?”

Place your Name Here

_____ “where are you going?”

Place your Name Here

_____ “what are you running from?”

Place your Name Here

On Day 2 of our journey, you were asked to commit to being present, but first you had to define what being present looked like in your life?

Review your answers from Day 2 before you answer the same question today.

Were you present each day? _____ Yes; _____ No.

Now that we have been on our journey for 10 days, do you notice any difference between Day 1 and now?

Is there any one day that you want to revisit? _____ Yes; _____ No

God has entrusted you with a Vision. Do you trust yourself to fulfill the vision for the Glory of God?

Prayer: Father in Heaven, thank you for accepting me for me. Release me from seeking the opinions and validation of others. May I turn to you when I have doubts or I am confused as to what direction I should take in my life. Bless me with spiritual mentors and leaders that will not condemn me, but nurture me in the Word of God.

Complete your prayer:

Will you return to the well? ____ Yes; ____ No

Will you encourage others to visit the well? ____ Yes; ____ No

Father, the names below are those that I present to you for a ***Well of Beerlahairoie experience.***

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

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Giving God 40 Days



Wells of Life

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