

THIS MAKES NO SENSE
Great Lessons from the Lesser Known – Part 2
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MEMORY VERSE:

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Cor. 4:8-9

**THE MYSTERY OF GOD’S WAYS ARE
BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION**

“As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother’s womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.” Ecclesiastes 11:5 (NIV)

THE UNCOMFORTABLE STORY OF HAGAR
IN HIS LOVING GRACE, GOD WORKS OUT HIS SUPREME PURPOSE WITHIN AND IN SPITE OF OUR CORRUPT HUMAN NATURE

When my life doesn’t make sense, I will . . .

1. REMEMBER GOD’S PROMISES

“Then He added, ‘I will give you more descendants than you can count.’” Genesis 16:10 (NLT)

**“We are pressed on every side by troubles,
but we are not crushed...”**

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.” Romans 8:28 (NLT)

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2. RELY ON GOD’S PLAN

“The angel of the Lord said to her, ‘Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority.’” Genesis 16:9 (NLT)

**• MY WAY SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE, BUT WILL JUST
CREATE MORE TROUBLE**

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” Proverbs 14:10 (NIV)

“...we are perplexed, but not driven to despair.”

**• GOD’S WAY MAY NOT MAKE SENSE IN THE MOMENT,
BUT I KNOW HIS PLANS ARE GOOD AND FULL OF
HOPE**

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

**• HAGAR DIDN’T HAVE AN EXPLANATION, SHE ONLY
HAD A DIRECTIVE. THE KEY – SHE ACTED ON THAT
DIRECTIVE**

“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”

James 1:22 (NLT)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

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3. RECOGNIZE GOD’S PROVISION

“Then God opened Hagar’s eyes, and she saw a well full of water. She quickly filled her water container and gave the boy a drink.” Genesis 21:19 (NLT)

**GOD’S PROVISION IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED,
WHEN WE NEED IT**

“We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God.”

“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

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4. **REST IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

"Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, 'You are the God who sees me...'"
Genesis 16:13 (NLT)

"We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed."

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:15 (NLT)

- **IN HIS PRESENCE I FIND . . .**
PEACE in the midst of the chaos
PERSPECTIVE that overshadows the questions
POWER to overcome the pressures, expectations, and responsibilities
Because it doesn't make sense doesn't mean it's
SENSELESS