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With Me in the Wilderness: He Hears. He Helps. He's Here.

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Congratulations Graduates!

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on." –President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Genesis 21:14 (NIV): Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

Genesis 21:15-16 (NIV): When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob.

Genesis 21:17 (NIV): God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there."

Three Knots to Hang On To When You're at the End of Your Rope

Knot #1: He Hears

Genesis 16:13 (NIV): She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

Psalms 56:8 (NLT): You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

Genesis 21:18-19 (NIV): "Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

Knot #2: He Helps

Knot #3: He's Here

Genesis 21:20-21 (NIV): God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.