

**“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY:**

 **DOING WHO I AM”**

 **Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who**

 **will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”** Isaiah 6:8

**Teaching, Preaching and Reaching for**

 **Transformation and Liberation**

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**TEXT: GENESIS 21:8-19**

**TITLE: SEEING IS BELIEVING – OR – BELIEVING IS SEEING**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. **Seeing is Believing** (I Believe because I See) – or – **Believing is Seeing** (I See because I Believe)
2. “You are the product of your environment” No

**TWO SONS**

1. Isaac – The Accepted Son – God had a plan for Isaac’s life
2. Ishmael – The Abandoned Son – God had a plan for Ishmael’s life

**TWO SITUATIONS**

1. Isaac – Accepted In – Stayed in and raised in the house
2. Ishmael – Abandoned Out
	1. Mom was given bread and a container of water
	2. Mom and Ishmael was sent away from the house
	3. Mom wandered in the wilderness
	4. Mom ran out of water
	5. Mom placed Ishmael under a shrub to die

**ONE SALVATION**

1. Mom cried
2. The child, Ishmael, cried
	1. God heard the child crying
	2. The angel of God called to mom from heaven
		1. “Hagar, what’s wrong?”
		2. “Do not be afraid”
		3. “God has heard the child crying as he lies there”
3. Then, God opened mom’s eyes
	1. She saw a well of water
	2. She filled the skins with water, and gave the child a drink

**YOUR CHILD, YOUR SITUATION, YOUR SALVATION**

1. God has a plan for your child’s life
2. Your child is not limited to their current situation
3. God will hear the cry of your child
4. God will respond to the cry of your child
5. God will open your eyes to see it