

Genesis 16:3

Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.

Here is something to think about today. If Abram (Abraham) never went to Egypt, there never would have been a Hagar in his life.

† **Genesis 12:10** *Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.*

And because of that decision, the children of Israel are still paying for it to this day.

Yet, how many times in life do we wonder why things have happened the way they have? Sure, there are times that we know that if I wouldn't have said that, or done this or that, then this would not be happening to me right now. But how many times are we warned by the Lord not to do something, yet we do it anyway, and end up paying the consequences for it?

I know I have, but as I get older I have learned to heed the Lord's warnings, and yeah, I still do mess up, but not as much as I used to.

Maybe some of you are struggling with a decision in your life right now, should I date that guy or girl or even marry him or her? Should I buy that car or home or move or change jobs or buy that hamburger instead of a salad?

Life is full of decision everyday, yet how many of them do you ask the Lord about? Maybe those big ones, like buying a car or house or marriage, but the smaller ones you don't think God cares about or has time for. We think, "God doesn't care if I order a hamburger or a salad, He is just too busy for these little things." Really? Do you really think that? Read this next verse and tell me you still think that.

† **Psalm 40:5** *Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.*

So, if God is constantly thinking about you, doesn't that mean He also wants to be a part of your everyday decisions? Doesn't He know that you should order that salad because of how you have been eating lately, or that you should reward yourself with a hamburger because you have been eating more healthy lately.

We have all made mistakes in the past that started off small, yet kept growing and growing until it has grown into a monster in your life. Once that happened, then you decided to call upon the

Lord for help. But just think, what if you would had called on the Lord when it was a little thing, and did what He told you to do, how different would things be right now.

Now I know we can't go back and fix or change things, but we can learn from the past and seek the Lord in ALL things, great or small. Because the Lord is right there wanting to be a part of all of your life, not just the big decisions or when you are in trouble. And He is so close to your everyday life, that He holds each and every breath that you take in His Hands. So use that breath to Praise Him, and seek His direction everyday.

- † **Job 12:10 (NLT2)** *For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of every human being.*
- † **Luke 16:10 (NLT2)** *If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.*
- † **Luke 15:31** *And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.*