

HOW DOES GOD REWARD SINGLE MOTHERS?

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(Genesis 21:8-21)

A woman does not plan to give birth to a child hoping to become a single mother. Women become single mothers due to unfortunate circumstances. Becoming a single mother is the hardest job in the world.

It is stressful and extremely tiresome. Yet, in the midst of the difficulty, God has **NOT** forgotten the weight that single mothers carry on their shoulders.

Single mothers hold a special place in God's heart because they are taking care of His blessing in a burdensome world. In-spite of the hardships that single mothers face, they receive a **UNIQUE** reward from God that no other group on earth receives.

SINGLE MOTHERS ARE REWARDED WITH UNCOMMON FAVOR!

Every woman who has to endure the journey of walking as a single mother is blessed with **UNCOMMON FAVOR** from God. Being clothed with uncommon favor will allow you to inherit opportunities of which you **DO NOT** qualify. Walking in uncommon favor will attract people of excellence to **SERVE YOU** when you are living in mediocrity.

Walking in uncommon favor will empower you with the **STRENGTH OF TEN MEN**. When you walk in uncommon favor, you will live in a world where miracles happen **EVERYDAY**. Single mothers may carry the weight of the world on their shoulders but they also have the **GLORY OF GOD BEHIND THEM**.

WHEN HAGAR BECAME A SINGLE MOTHER

(Genesis 21:8-21)

In Genesis chapter 16, Sarah was not able to have a child of her own. She wanted Hagar, a slave girl, to sleep with her husband. Sarah wanted to have a son whom she could call her own.

When Hagar birthed Abraham's son, she named him Ishmael. Some years later, Sarah was able to birth her own biological son by the name of Isaac. When Isaac became old enough to eat food, Sarah began to worry about who would be the heir to Abraham.

She knew that Ishmael was the oldest. However, Isaac came from her womb. In Genesis 21:10, Sarah had a conversation with Abraham telling him to, "*Throw out this slave woman and her son. Her son should not inherit anything; my son Isaac should receive it all.*"

THIS WAS THE MOMENT WHEN HAGAR BECAME A SINGLE MOTHER.

Abraham was not comfortable with sending Hagar and her son away because Ishmael was his son. God **TOLD** Abraham something very compelling in Genesis 21:12. He said, *"Do not be troubled about the boy and the slave woman." Do whatever Sarah tells you. The descendants I promised you will be from Isaac."*

When Abraham heard this he packed up Hagar's and her son's belongings and sent them away. Hagar was distraught. She lost the **INFLUENCE** she had with her son's father. She lost the **COMFORT** of Abraham caring for her.

Hagar was lacking the resources to provide for her son. Remember, she was a slave woman with **NO** opportunities, **NO** skills, **NO** family and **NO** help. Hagar was feeling the pain that millions of single mothers are feeling today.

Hagar was worried about the condition of her son. She was unequipped to take care of him the way he deserved. In Genesis 21:16 Hagar stated, "*My son will die, and I cannot watch this happen.*" While uttering these words she began to cry.

An amazing thing happened during the most trying time in her life. An **ANGEL OF THE LORD** called to Hagar from Heaven. Hagar **NEVER** prayed to God for help. Hagar never pursued spiritual advice.

God took a **SPECIAL INTEREST** in Hagar because she was a **SINGLE MOTHER**. She was taking care of His blessing through her abandonment. Hagar was a highly favored woman because the angel of the Lord **WENT** to save her in a time of distress.

**UNCOMMON FAVOR IS WHEN YOU
RECEIVE SOMETHING YOU DID NOT
REQUEST.**

Hagar **NEVER** asked God for help, yet she received it.
Hagar **NEVER** asked God to bless her son's children to be a great nation. Yet, He made them into a great nation.
Hagar **NEVER** ask God to be with her son, yet He was with him. Hagar received things she **NEVER** asked for because she was a single mother.

God honors single mothers. He loves single mothers. He will always take care of single mothers by granting them **UNCOMMON FAVOR**. Single mothers receive uncommon favor because they are in an uncommon position.

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