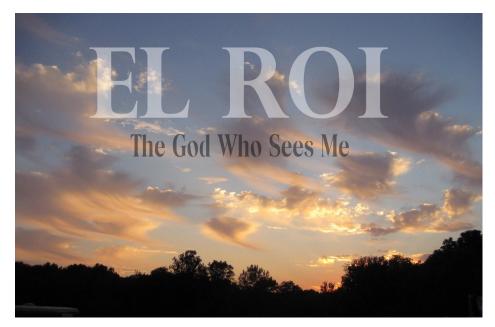
El Roi – the God who sees me

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We considered the story of Hagar, "the invisible woman" last week. I thought we might continue with the theme of El Roi, the God who sees us.

Read 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

OPEN:

What have you bought based on first impressions, only to find out later that the product or person was not as advertised?

DIG:

1. What is Samuel mourning? Why does God rebuke him?

2. Why does Samuel hesitate to go to Bethlehem? What do Samuel's fears say about Saul's character?

3. Why do the elders tremble at the sight of Samuel? What does that say about the Samuel-Saul rift?

4. Why did Samuel initially think that Eliab was the Lord's chosen?

5. Why did the Lord choose the youngest son?

REFLECT:

1. Have you ever been ashamed of having a wrong first impression of someone based on their looks?



This week, let's try to remember not to judge by outward appearances!

And be thankful that when you are not looking your best or feeling satisfied with yourself, God sees your heart.

God saw that David, despite being the youngest (and therefore, the least important, according to the customs of the day), and despite his flaws, there was 'something' important about him:

What was that 'something'?

See 1 Samuel 13.14

If you have questions or comments, please let me know. I would love to hear from

you!