

At the age of 16, Ishmael found himself abandoned in the desert - confused, rejected, and out of water and food. He was born and raised in the dysfunctional relationship between his mother and Abraham and Sarah. He was paying the price for the strife and division in the family that he was not responsible for, and could not control, and dealing with the consequences of their poor choices. Sent away from his home and about to die, this young man's cry was heard by God, who not only saved him and his mother, but promised to make a great nation out of Ishmael.

God was showing us that He knows how to bring greatness out of a great mess. You may have had a rough start, the odds have been against you, but God is watching over you. He knows what you didn't get. He knows who wasn't in your life. He knows the pain, the rejection, the betrayal, and the hurt. Call out to Him. He has a plan to make more out of your life than you ever imagined.

Genesis 21:17 "God heard the boy crying..."