The Heart of a Single Parent (Genesis 21)
Sunday, June 23, 2019  AVBC 10:30 am

HAGAR’S STRUGGLES
1. A SENSE OF __________ (v.14)
2. A SHORTAGE OF __________________. (v. 15)
3. A LOSS OF ____________. (v. 15)
4. A FLOOD OF ______________. (v.16)

GOD’S SUPPLY
1. GOD __________
2. GOD ______________
3. GOD ________________
4. GOD ____________

1. Single parents’ today _______ face Hagar-like struggles.
2. God still hears the _________ of the single parent
3. God wants to use ___________ to meet their need.

☐ Take a single parent out for coffee or meal and listen with your ears and your heart.
☐ Offer a message of comfort and motivation to a single parent.
☐ Help provide a practical need that a single parent has
☐ Make yourself available to a single parent.
☐ Invite a single parent (or two or three) to a social event that normally might be more couple focussed.

DIGGING DEEPER
(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)
Q1: As the ladies shared during the interview, what are one or two things that you learned about single parenting that you were unaware of before?
Q2: Of all the needs or challenges that single parents face, which one do you connect with the most? Why?
Q3: The last biblical mention of Jesus’ father, Joseph, was when Jesus was 12 years old. (Luke 2:41-52). When Jesus was crucified only His mother, Mary, was included in the biblical narrative. Some believe that Jesus may have been raised by a single parent for at least part of his upbringing. If Jesus was raised by a single parent, what kind of impact may that have had on his life and ministry?
Q4: Read James 1:22-27. How does this passage of scripture impact how you respond to the needs of a single parent home?
Q5: Pastor David mentioned five potential applications to today’s message. What are some other practical applications that the Lord is calling you to implement?