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Worship Service  
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## ABRAHAM: God of Promise & Life of Faith

Lesson Three • Genesis 12:10 – 13:4

### A Failure of Faith

#### Default Response

Everyone has a default response when confronted with a test that challenges our faith.

Abraham's default response: "I CAN HANDLE IT ON MY OWN!"

#### Faithlessness of Abraham & Faithfulness of God

When Abraham was FAITHLESS in his life, God was FAITHFUL to restore him and fulfill His promises to him.

God sovereignly protected His plan of salvation through divine intervention when Abraham jeopardized it by making a mess of his life.

#### Confronted with a Test of Faith

### 1. When We Try to Handle It on Our Own, We Make a MESS of Our Lives!

#### Abraham's Test

Abraham's faith was tested by a FAMINE in the land of Canaan (vs. 10).

#### Abraham's Fear

- Out of fear, Abraham FLEES to Egypt instead of trusting God's promises and seeking God's instruction (vs. 10).
- Out of fear, Abraham resorts to DECEPTION in Egypt instead of relying on God's protection (vs. 11-13).

### 2. When We Continue to Handle It on Our Own, We Make a BIGGER MESS of Our Lives!

#### Result of Abraham's Deception

Abraham's deceptive scheme BACKFIRED, risking his wife and jeopardizing God's promised blessing (vs. 14-16).

### 3. When We Turn to the Lord, There Is LIFE Beyond the Mess!

#### Life Beyond the Mess

- God RESCUED Abraham through His gracious intervention (vs. 17).
- Pharaoh REBUKED Abraham and expelled him from Egypt (vs. 18-20).
- Abraham RETURNED to the place of his altar in Canaan (Gen. 13:1-4).

#### Consequences of Abraham's Failure of Faith

- Some consequences are IMMEDIATE while others are DELAYED (Gen. 13:5-7).
- Few consequences affect ONE person while most affect MANY people (Gen. 16:1-6).
- All consequences serve as REMINDERS of what happens when we handle tests without God.

#### Facing Your Famine

Trusting God does not mean the absence of tests and failing God does not mean the absence of grace. But when we fail in our faith, we must return to the Lord who is able to restore life beyond the mess.