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REVIEW

- ◆ Abram was an idol worshipper, called by God.
- ◆ God tells Abram that he will make him the father of many nations and immeasurable descendants.
- ◆ After 11 years of waiting on this promise, Abram and Sarai decide to make the promise happen.
- ◆ God pursues Hagar and tells her she will have a son and many descendants as well.
- ◆ Then God goes silent for 13 years.
- ◆ It has been 24 years since the initial promise.
- ◆ God visits Abraham reminds him of the covenant and visits his tent and Sarah hears the covenant.
- ◆ God destroys Sodom and rescues Lot

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)-Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us

1. THE DECEPTION

Genesis 20:1-2 (ESV)-Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the Negev, and settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in Gerar. Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

2. THE DREAM

Genesis 20:3-7 (ESV)- But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is married." Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, will You slay a nation, even though blameless? Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this."

3. THE DISCUSSION

Genesis 20:9-10 (ESV)- Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you encountered, that you have done this thing?"

4. THE DEFENSE

Genesis 20:11-13 (ESV)- Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife. Besides, she actually is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife; and it came about, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is the kindness which you will show to me: everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'

Ways to overcome besetting sins...

A. Avoid Independence

B. Avoid Situations

C. Avoid Selfishness

D. Avoid Justification

Here Is The Point: God can free us from besetting sins...