

COUNTING THE STARS

Faith When Fear Takes Over

Genesis 20 • Bible Study

ICEBREAKER

1. What is something you tend to worry about or overthink—even when you know there isn't much you can do about it?

DISCUSSION

2. Read Genesis 20:1–13. What was Abraham afraid would happen, and how did that fear affect his response?

How can fear make us forget what we already know to be true about God?

3. Abimelech asks Abraham, “What did you see that you did this thing?” Why is that such an important question?

When are you most prone to make assumptions about what someone else is thinking or intending? How can replacing assumptions with questions change our relationships?

4. Abraham justified himself by pointing out that Sarah really was his half-sister. Why do we sometimes find ways to justify behavior we know isn't completely honest or faithful?

What are some ways we rationalize fear-driven decisions?

5. Genesis 20 shows that Abraham failed, yet God still protected His promise. What does this teach us about our faithfulness and God's faithfulness?

How can this give us hope without becoming an excuse for sin?

6. The sermon asks: “What am I afraid will happen? What am I tempted to do because of that fear? What promise of God am I forgetting?” Which question is most challenging for you, and why?

What would it look like to bring that fear to God rather than trying to control the outcome?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take a few minutes to identify one specific situation in your life right now.

I am afraid that...	Because of that fear, I am tempted to...
But God has promised...	Faithfulness for me this week would look like...

Remember: Fear says, “I have to protect myself.” Faith says, “I can trust God and leave the outcome in His hands.” Our hope isn't that we will always respond perfectly when fear comes. **Our hope is that God remains faithful when we don't.**