

Sermon Discussion Questions

Don't Pick Plan B
Abraham and Sarah

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1. If you have kids, have they ever picked “Plan B” — a plan that you did not approve of? Share the story. How did it make you feel? How did it turn out for them?
 - A. Do you remember ever not heeding wise counsel and going your own way? How did that turn out for you?

2. Jeremy shared how Abraham and Sarah got off track from following God’s Plan A for their lives (what impacted them away from God’s Plan A). How could you relate?
 - A. If you had to lean the scales of your thinking in one direction or another as to what impacts you in a negative way more—mistaken identity or mismanaged life—which way would the scales tip? Explain.
 - How has God corrected these things in your life (if at all)?

3. In Genesis 12:10-13 and Genesis 20:1-13 (v.12 can either be a lie, or a half-truth in that Sarah could have been adopted—we just don’t know) we see Abraham lied and asked his wife to lie also (which she did). Why did they do this?
 - A. Why do people tell half-truths or lies? (Give specific answers, not just generalities)
 - B. When we are tempted to tell lies/half-truths/or purposefully leave details out, what gets in the way of telling the truth (why do we do this)? (Give specific answers)

4. Under God’s goodness for us, there were two ways we can know His goodness: through His guidance and His promises.
 - A. How has God guided your life in the last five years?
 - B. What promises of God touch your heart the deepest and why (e.g., the promise of forgiveness, He will take care of you, wisdom, eternal life, He won’t forsake you, etc.)

5. When was the last time you made a decision out of fear? What was the outcome of those decisions?
 - A. When have you lived by faith (or you had to live by faith)? How did that impact your life?

6. With all the choosing to do Plan B that Abraham and Sarah did, read a couple of passages in the New Testament about them in Romans 4:1-3 and Hebrews 11:8-13. Anything bad? What is good? We read in Genesis that they did things that were not good, why do you think this is not reflected in the New Testament about them? What can we apply to our lives from what is said about them (both in God’s view of us and in how we are to live)?