

DOUBLE-DARE: *The Journey of a Lifetime*

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Last Sunday's message was taken from Genesis 15, and the events surrounding the covenant God made with Abram. In our study this week we are going to consider two events, which take place earlier in Abraham's life. The first event has to do with a failure of faith; the second has to do with an exercise of faith. There are important things we can learn from both events.

Read Genesis 12:10-20

- This passage describes an event, which tests Abram's faith. Describe a time in your life recently, which has tested your faith.
- As they are preparing to enter the land of Egypt, what did Abram tell Sarai to do? Why did Abram tell Sara to do this? (Aren't you glad that the Bible is filled with real people.)
- How do each of the "actors" in this story—Abraham, Sarai, Pharaoh, God—feel about this situation? If you are Abraham, whose response is the most important?
- How might Abraham's actions in this situation have differed if he had exercised great faith in God? How does God demonstrate his grace despite Abraham's lack of faith?

Read Genesis 13

- Where does Abram choose to go after the "failure" in Egypt? (13:34, see 12:8) Is there a "place" (geographical, person, memory) to which you find it helpful to return after a "failure"? Why?
- How did Abraham choose to solve the conflict that was beginning to develop between his herdsman and Lot's herdsman? How does Abraham's choice demonstrate faith?
- What motivated Lot's choice? (See 13:10-13) Why did Lot's choice prove disastrous? (See Genesis 19.) How does faith help you make better decisions?
- God has a way of affirming our difficult but right decisions: How did he do this for Abraham? (13:14-18) How has he done this for you?
- What do you need to put into practice as result of this study?

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