Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“A Failure of Faith”

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1 Corinthians 10:11-13

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Introduction:

A. ___________ is a part of life.
B. Sometimes even the ___________ fail.
C. Scripture tells us the truth about our biblical heroes and all of them had their moments of ___________, failures, and ________.

I. The Story

A. Genesis 12:10.
   1. Here we watch Abraham face his first challenge when a severe ___________ swept the area.
   2. The Bible doesn’t tell us whether Abraham asked God’s permission to go to _________.
   3. For Abraham, Canaan and Egypt were two real places in a real world, but for us these two places have theological and ___________ meanings.
      a. “Canaan” = __________ WAYS and “Egypt” = __________ WAYS.
   1. When we face a crisis, often our ___________ response takes over.
   2. Abraham’s default was not ___________, but ________________.
   3. Abraham’s falsehood contained a _______ - __________.
C. Genesis 12:14-16.
   1. When the Pharaoh’s officials sang her praises, Pharaoh claimed her for his _____________.
   2. Fortunately, ancient marriage rituals included a ___________ period.
   3. Meanwhile, Pharaoh sent Abraham numerous wedding gifts - including ____________, likely one of whom was named __________.
   4. Abraham’s lie, which was intended to protect him, had put his _______ and his ____________ at risk.
   1. Thankfully, the God who had made such wonderful promises to Abraham was watching out for him and was will to ___________ and ___________ a way out of his dilemma.
   2. The great irony of the story is that God used a pagan king to ________ his chosen servant.

II. The Application

A. First, we must realize that everyone faces _____________.
B. Second, we must realize that every escape contains a _______.
C. Third, we must realize that every Abraham struggles with a _____________.
D. Fourth, we must realize that every compromise jeopardizes a _____________.

Conclusion:

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art;
   I am finding out the greatness, of Thy loving heart.
   Thou hast bade me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul.
   For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.