

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.
- B. Genesis 12:11-13.
 - 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.
- D. Genesis 12:17-20.
 - 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.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Failure. B. faithful. C. mistakes, sins. I.A.1. famine. I.A.2. Egypt. I.A.3. symbolic. I.A.3.a. God's, World's. I.B.1. default. I.B.2. faith, falsehood. I.B.3. half, truth. I.C.1. harem. I.C.2. waiting. I.C.3. maidservants, Hagar. I.C.4. wife, marriage. I.D.1. intercede, provide. I.D.2. rebuke. II.A. famines. II.B. lie. II.C. weakness. II.D. Sarah.