

# ABRAHAM'S FAITH

## *FRIEND OF GOD*

# Stumbling In Faith

*Genesis 12:10-13:4*

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

Genesis 12:10

# I. Forks in the Road and Faith

## a. Doubt that God can provide (10)

As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live.

Genesis 12:11-12

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Say you are my sister, so that I will be  
treated well for your sake and my life will  
be spared because of you."

Genesis 12:13

# I. Forks in the Road and Faith

- a. Doubt that God can provide (10)
- b. Fear that God can protect (11-12)
- c. Lies we justify are ok (13)

When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. He treated Abram well for her sake...

Genesis 12:14-16a

## II. Easy Paths that Lead to Disaster (14-16)

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...and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

Genesis 12:16

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# III. Getting Back on the Right Path

## A. God Intervenes

But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on  
Pharaoh and his household because of  
Abram's wife Sarai.

Genesis 12:17

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## A. God Intervenes

**\*God brings affliction (17)**

So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!”

Genesis 12:18-19

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Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

Genesis 12:20-13:1

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- \*God brings affliction (17)
- \* Truth is revealed (18-19)
- \* Abram & Sarai are rescued (20)

Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between

Bethel and Ai,

Genesis 13:2-3

# III. Getting Back on the Right Path

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to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 13:4

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\* Back to calling on God (13:4)

# Called Into Faith

*Faith builds over a lifetime, but is  
birthed in a moment.*