

# Faith and the Fear Factor

Genesis 12:10-13:4



# The Abrahamic Covenant...

*A Land!*

*A Seed!*

*A Blessing!*



“Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives, And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3



“Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. And it came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; and it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, ‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. “Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you.”

And it came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. And Pharaoh’s officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. Therefore, he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.



But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? "Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go." And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him."

"So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him; and Lot with him. Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold. And he went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD."

Genesis 12:10 - 13:1-4



“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for *I am your God*. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10



# *A Man-Centered* Decision (Genesis 12:10)



# Abraham's *Unwise* Plan (Genesis 12:11-16)



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Genesis 12:11



*“There is nothing more resourceful  
than the human mind justifying it’s own sin”*



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“Therefore he [Pharaoh] treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.”

Genesis 12:15-16



# God's Patience and Faithfulness (Gen. 12:17—13:4)

“The LORD struck Pharaoh & his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife.”

Genesis 12:17



# "The 50/20 Principle" (Genesis 50:20)

*"You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good"*

*"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*

Romans 8:28



“So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him; and Lot with him. Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

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Genesis 13:1-4



1. **Tests** in our Christian lives are an *inescapable fact!*



“He predestined us to become conformed  
into the image of His Son...”

Romans 8:29

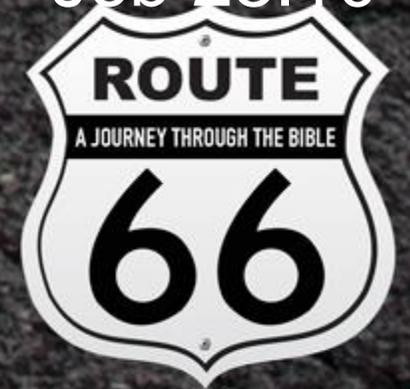


“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:2-4

“But He knows the way I take; and when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.”

Job 23:10



“In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the *proof of your faith*, being more precious than **gold** which is perishable, even though *tested by fire*, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

1 Peter 1:6-7



1. ***Tests*** in our Christian lives are an ***inescapable fact!***

2. **God's *faithfulness* and *patience* continue**  
**no matter what our decisions!**



“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us; Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.”

Psalms 103:8-13



“Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5,6

