

HOW CAN WE GROW IN OUR FAITH IN THE LORD?
Learning from the testing and temporal laps of Abraham's faith
Genesis 12:6-13:4

- I. **FOCUS ON WHAT GOD SAYS, TRUST, OBEY AND WORSHIP HIM:** Abraham is given another promise by the Lord and responds in obedience and worship **(6-9)**
 - A. As Abraham obediently passed through the land, the Lord appeared to him and promised to give his descendants this land (6-7a)
 - B. In response to the Lord, Abraham worships, obeys and worships (7b-8)
 - C. A hint of things to come (9)
- II. **WHEN TRIALS COME, DON'T LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING BUT TRUST THE LORD:** Because of famine Abraham goes to Egypt and because of fear he concocts a plan inconsistent with God's promise **(10-14)**
- III. **REALIZE OUR WRONG ACTIONS DO AFFECT OTHERS TOO:** Beautiful Sarai is taken as Abram feared and it appears Abram is given a dowry for her **(15-16)**
- IV. **IN SPITE OUR FAILURE THE LORD KEEPS HIS PROMISES:** The Lord strikes Pharaoh and his house because of Sarai and they thus send Sarai and Abram away **(17-20)**
- V. **GO BACK TO WHERE YOU STARTED, FOCUS ON WHAT GOD SAYS, TRUST, OBEY AND WORSHIP HIM:** Abraham returns to where he was in the beginning and worships the Lord **(13:1-4)**
 - A. Abraham returns to the place he started at (where the altar he had made was) (1-4a)
 - B. Abraham thus worships the LORD (4b)