

Walking with Abraham Lesson #2: When God's People Blow It

Introduction:

1. We're continuing our NEW series: **Gearing Up in Our Faith: Walking with Abraham.**
2. Today our focus is on Genesis 12:10-20 [please turn] and "***When Gods People Blow It.***"

Review:

I. God's Sovereign Plan.

- In Creation / The Fall / The Flood / The Covenant / The Rebellion / The Seed

II. God Gracious Choice – Gen. 12:1-3.

- A. The Lord speaks to Abram.
- B. The radical nature of God's commands and promises to Abraham.
- C. The Expectation God had of Abraham: Faith and Action – and that's what Abram did.

III. God's Servant Responds in Faith – Gen. 12:4-9.

- A. Faith leads us to obedience.
- B. Faith leads to worship.
- C. Faith leads to dependence.

I. _____ Provide an Opportunity to Exercise Faith in God – Gen. 12:10

- A. There was a _____ in the land.
- B. The effects of the curse of sin on creation brings _____ into the picture again – yet God's plan is still in motion – He's in _____!
 1. Lesson: Behind the scenes of every circumstance is an occasion to bring _____ to God!
 2. It just depends on how you _____ to those circumstances – *with faith or with doubt? With hope or discouragement? With obedience or rebellion?*
- C. **INPUT:** *What opportunities/circumstances have you faced where you were able to bring glory to God... or you blew it, and had to ask forgiveness?*

II. Wrong _____ Leads to Wrong _____ – 12:11-13.

- A. That's exactly what happened in Abraham's life – his wrong _____ led to wrong _____.
 1. This is where Abram's wrong thinking enters into the picture – he becomes _____ and self-centered.
 2. We see Abraham's commendable faith in trying to _____ the promise of God; yet, he takes matters into his _____ as to how he envisions God's promises being fulfilled.
- B. This action proves the point of Proverbs 23:7, "*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:*"
 1. Lesson: His wrong theology (understanding of Who God is and what He can do) produced a _____ in his heart that led to _____ choices/conduct!
 2. Our responsibility is to do the _____ thing, not the _____ thing!
- C. God, as He usually does (Rom. 8:28) is using this situation to _____ Abraham's faith.

III. Sometimes God Blesses in _____ of Our Faith, Not _____ of It – 12:14-16.

- A. This is highly ironic that out of all the Egyptian women available in the Egyptian Empire, that the leader of Egypt would want Sarah!
- B. Now you might expect the next verse to read something like . . . *“AND GOD JUDGED ABRAHAM FOR PUTTING HIS WIFE IN THAT SITUATION!”*
- C. This is a testimony to _____ faithfulness, not Abraham’s!

IV. God _____ Our Lack of Faith – 12:17-20.

- A. Our faith (or lack of it) _____ Others: Example: Pharaoh & his house.
- B. _____ triumphed over _____.
- C. God teaches Abraham a few ‘ _____ ’ of faith.
 - 1. God is _____ even when we are not.
 - 2. God is _____ in His plan and controls the power of blessing and cursing.
 - 3. God meets us in the state of our imperfect knowledge of Him and immature faith in Him and takes us on the journey of _____ faith.
 - 4. God is to be _____, not man.
 - 5. God has plans beyond what we can conceive of right now— _____ Him!
 - 6. God loves us enough to _____ us to mature us! Do not resist His discipline
- D. God is _____ (giving us what we _____ deserve) and _____ (withholding what we _____ deserve).

Conclusion:

INPUT: *What are some lesson(s) for you – about God and/or about you and your faith?*

Next Week: Genesis 13: *“ Choices Have Consequences ”*