



Series: Genesis
Passage: Genesis 12
Title: Abram's Lapse of Faith
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Discussion Starter – Abraham was delayed in responding to God's covenant with him. What can we learn about God's faithfulness compared to our faith? What promises has God made to you that you have not fully embraced?

- Review God's covenant with Abram in verses 1-3. What are the 5 different promises contained in these verses?
- How did Abram respond to God's call to "get out and go to a land that I will show you"? What does this show us about Abram and God?
- What did Abram find in the land of Canaan? What do you think he expected to find?
- When did God next appear to Abram? What lesson do we learn from this account about following God's leading of our lives?
- What was Abram's response to the severe famine that threatened the starvation of his family in the land of Canaan? How did this test his faith? What do we learn about walking by faith?
- Why did you think God allowed Abram to experience a great famine in the land that God had called him to? What lessons do we learn here about our walks with God?
- How have your expectations of being protected from life's challenges just because you are a Christian changed over time?
- What is the problem with the logic of the skeptic of God's power, kindness or even existence in answering the question, "why do bad things happen to good people"?
- What is a biblically accurate response to this claim of the skeptic?
- How is God glorified in situations when life is hard?
- How is our faith built in times when life is hard?
- Why do you think Abram "double down" on a bad choice when faced with further challenges in Egypt?
- Did God abandon His promise to Abram when he was making bad choices? What do we learn from this story about our own walk with God?
- Abram's choices allowed his family and company to escape the famine. However, what were the consequences of those choices?
- Abram had heard God's word but had limited knowledge of God himself.
- Describe the difference between "head knowledge" and "heart knowledge"? How do we acquire "heart knowledge"?
- On what basis did God ultimately protect and bless Abram despite his poor choices?
- Sin has consequences and life is hard. How does a walk of faith approach these challenges?