

**Genesis Behind the Curtain: Abraham's Journey of Faith**  
**Episode 3: Abram in Egypt**  
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**Genesis 12:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. <sup>12</sup>When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. <sup>13</sup>Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

<sup>14</sup>When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. <sup>15</sup>And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. <sup>16</sup>He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

<sup>17</sup>But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. <sup>18</sup>So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? <sup>19</sup>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!" <sup>20</sup>Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

**Threat to the promise: Vs. 10** 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.

- As an economic migrant to Egypt, Abraham's vulnerable position made him fearful.
- This incident dramatically indicates both the moral quandaries posed by great disparities in wealth and poverty and the dangers of losing faith in the face of such problems.
  - Sarah, like Joseph after her was trafficked into bondage.

**The Contagion Of Sin: Vs. 17** But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. <sup>18</sup>So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said.

**"You never sin in a vacuum."**

**Turning Your Fear Into Victory**

**1. Stand of the promises of God.**

a. **Genesis 12:2** And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

**2. Be Patient.** Time is your friend.

a. **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**3. Never sacrifice your integrity for the promise.**

a. **Romans 4:3** What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

**Small Group Questions:**

1. Verse 10 shows that there was another threat to the promise of God. What are some things we can do when we feel fearful?
2. Was Abraham right to go to Egypt, or should he have stayed put and waited on God? Or, did it matter?
3. It's impossible to sin in a vacuum; our sin always has a trickle-down effect. Can you give some examples of this from your own life?
4. One of the ways to live in victorious faith is to stand on the promises of God. Are you familiar with the promises of God and if so, can you share some?
5. How are some ways we might sacrifice our integrity for the promise? What happens to the promise when we do this?