

God's Faithfulness in Our Failures

Genesis 12:10-20 | Mark Foreman | July 13, 2025

- **ABRAM'S TESTING:** *"Now there was a famine in the land..."* (Gen. 12:10)
 - "Sometimes It Can Seem Like It's Never Easy"
 - In life-tests we discover what really counts
 - Clear tests in life have already occurred in Genesis
 - Brief overview on spiritual principles regarding trials/testing

- **ABRAM'S FAILURE:** *"Abram went down to Egypt to live there..."* (Gen. 12:10)
 - We Live in a rational and natural and supernatural world. Discerning what is natural in a fallen world and what is from God or evil is difficult.
 - But what was Abram's motive? Where was his trust?
 - Issue: God's promise of land & seed
 - Lesson: blessing comes from God, not the land or Abram's effort
 - Testing Abram's Heart---He fails
 - Doubt is a real thing
 - This increased his sin by accepting gifts
 - He had to return to the famine & face it anyway. What you run from now you will face later.

- **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS :** *"But the LORD . . ."* (Gen. 12:17-20)
 - "But God. . .": 2 of best words in scripture, especially in Abram's life
 - Primary teaching here is God's faithfulness in spite of Abram's foolishness and threat of hunger, fear, and greed God intervenes, protects, and restores.
 - The words in the passage speak loudly
 - Does not mean you're invincible, but God does intervene (Rom 8:28).

- **ABRAM RETURNS TO BETHEL:** *"So Abram went up from Egypt..."* (Gen. 13:1)
 - When you lose the trail you return to last marker: *until he came to Bethel, . . .* where his tent had been earlier
 - Notice there is no talk of worship in Egypt. He returned to where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.