



Faith in God's Provision

Genesis 12:10 - 13:13

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Pray to Begin

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word as you read the passage.



Study the Scripture Engagement Guide

Go through the Scripture Engagement study provided to reflect on the meaning, context, and personal application of the passage you've read.



Reflect on the Scripture Engagement Questions

After every teaching, consider the Scripture Engagement questions listed for personal reflection and application and for your small group discussions.



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Heavenly Father,

Teach us to trust You when famine tests us, when fear tempts us, and when choices stand before us. Guard us from leaning on our own understanding. Help us walk by faith, not by sight, so that our lives may bear witness to Your promises. Draw us back to the altar of worship when we wander.

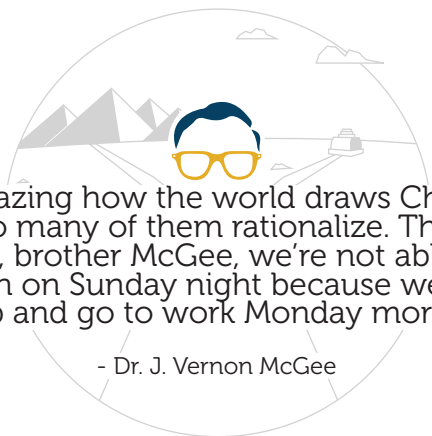
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Abram's Lapse of Faith



Genesis 12:10-20



"It's amazing how the world draws Christians today. So many of them rationalize. They'll say, 'You know, brother McGee, we're not able to come to church on Sunday night because we have to get up and go to work Monday morning.'"

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Famine and the World's Solution

"Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land." (Genesis 12:10)

Abram was in the very land God had promised when famine struck. Each day, pastures dried and sheep grew weak. Travelers warned that the famine was spreading and murmured about Egypt's grain and green valleys. Abram reasoned, "Perhaps Egypt will provide."

Egypt seemed like the logical and sensible choice. Others were going there. Reports from travelers confirmed its abundance. Abram could explain his decision well, "There is no pasture here, and Egypt has plenty." Yet one question lingers:

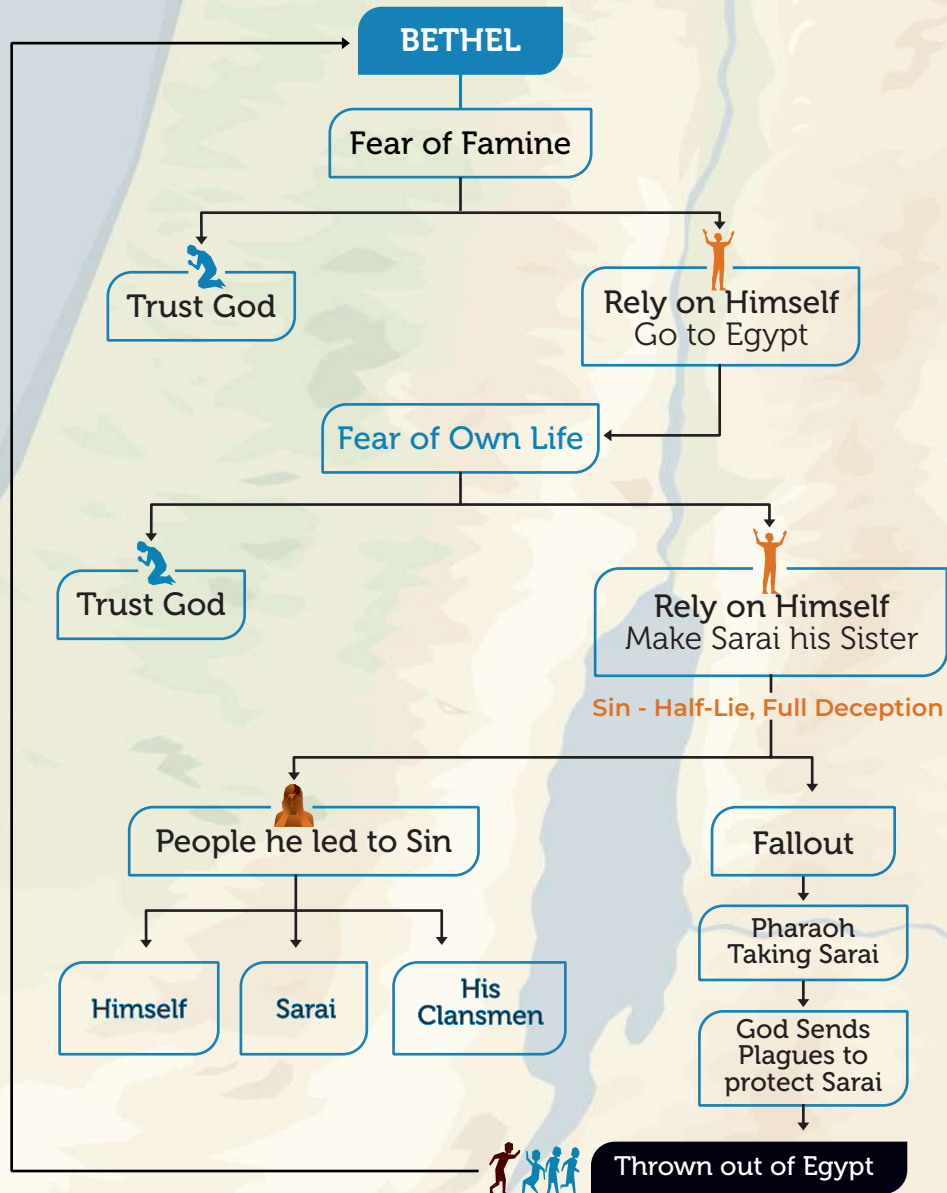


Did God tell Abraham to go to Egypt?
What would you choose?

The land of promise was also the land of testing.



“And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, ‘Indeed I know ...’” Abram made his choice and his fear grew as he approached Egypt. He had to make a choice again.



“And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there at first. And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.” (Genesis 13:3-4)



There is always a way back to the altar for Abram, the Prodigal Son, and any man or woman who wants to come back to God.





Reflection

Question 1

When you face seasons of scarcity, uncertainty, or pressure to act quickly, what usually guides your choices? Are you led by your faith in God's promises or by practical solutions that seem safer? Why?

Question 2

Identify one situation where you tend to respond in fear. Pause before acting, pray about it, and deliberately choose a step that shows trust in God's leading. Replace fearful half-truths with courageous trust.



Application

Question 3

Think of a time when God gave you a second chance at His altar.
Write or draw it out.



Abram and Lot

 **Genesis 13:1-13**

Riches and Strife

“Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.”
(Genesis 13:2, 5-7)



What would the Canaanites and the Perizzites have seen between Abram and Lot? Unity and harmony, or division and quarreling?

Wealth commonly creates strife and quarreling in families.

 **When God blesses us with wealth, how should we behave as Christians?**

We see an example of how we should behave:

“So Abram said to Lot, ‘Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.’”
(Genesis 13:8-9)

As the elder, Abram could have claimed the best land, but instead he humbled himself and offered Lot the choice.

 **Are we willing to sacrifice what is rightfully ours for the Kingdom’s sake?**

Lot lifted his eyes and saw the fertile valley. It reminded him of Egypt. The grass was green, the rivers watered the land, but beyond the beauty was Sodom, steeped in sin. Step by step, Lot pitched his tent closer, until he lived in its shadow.

 **Are our choices based on green grass and fertile land or what God wants of us?**



“*Lot lifted up his eyes, he saw the plain, and he headed in that direction. That is the biggest mistake he ever made in his life.*”





Reflection & Application

Question 1

What opportunities or “greener pastures” in your life look appealing on the surface yet may draw you away from God’s best? How can you discern the difference?

Question 2

What does it mean for you personally to walk by faith, not by sight?

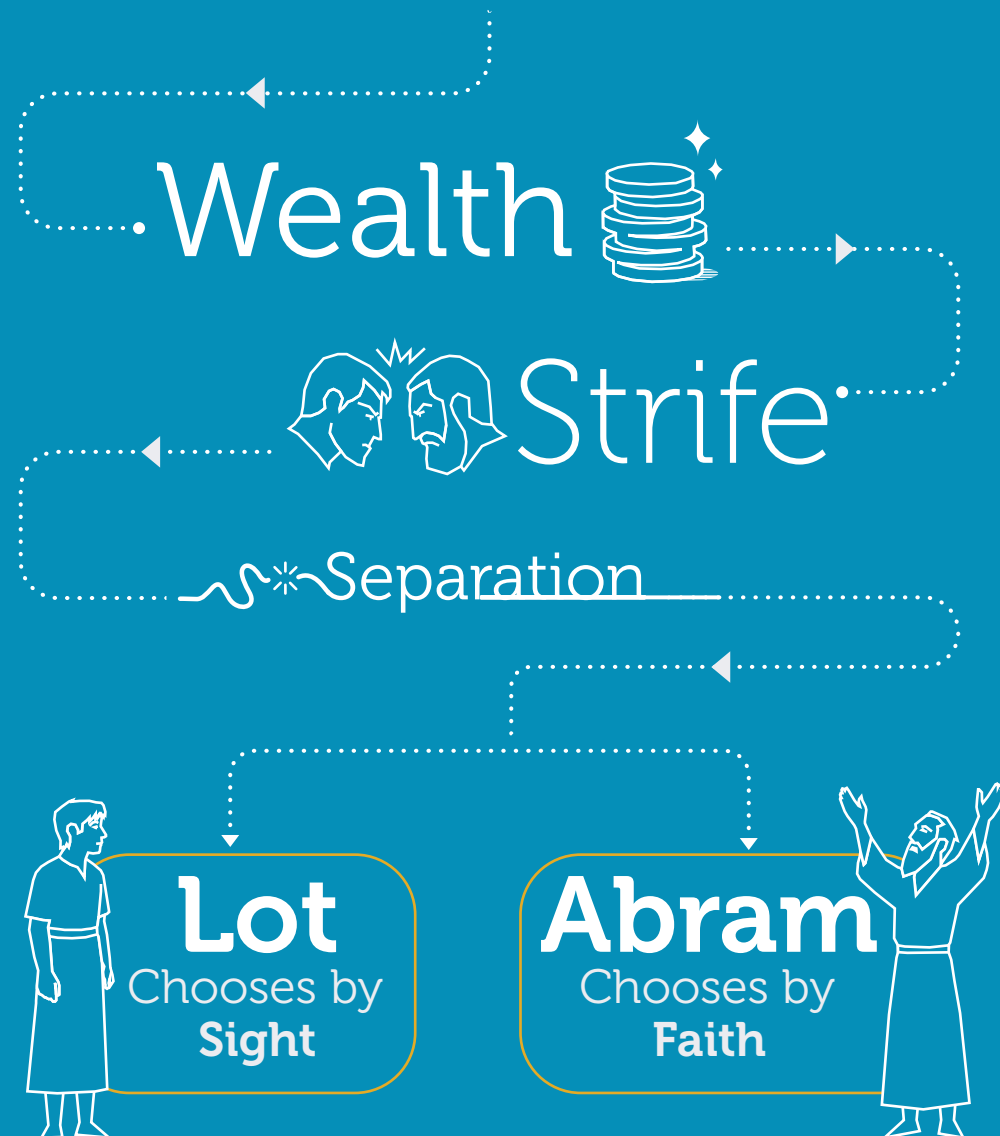
Question 3

Think of a person you are in conflict with, a family member, a friend, or someone at church. What can you sacrifice in order to make amends with that person?



Visual Summary

The Journey of Abram & Lot



Your Takeaway

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



“No man falls suddenly. It always takes place over a period of time. You lift the flap of your tent, and you pitch your tent toward Sodom and that’s the beginning.”



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