

ABRAM'S MIS-STEP

GENESIS 12:10-20

1/18/26

I. SITUATION

Genesis 12:10a - "Now there was a famine in the land."

A. Severe famine – severe threat

B. God ordained the famine

- Obedience insures godliness not prosperity

II. MIS-STEP #1 – ABRAM TO EGYPT

Genesis 12:10b - "So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land."

A. Abram moves apart from God's leading

B. Magnitude of our circumstances must = the magnitude of our God

C. Egypt offered security

III. MIS-STEP #2 – ABRAM LIES

Genesis 12:11-16 - "When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, 'I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance,'¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.'¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.¹⁶ And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels."

A. Abram moves away from God's protection

- Selfish – "That it may go well with me because of you."

B. God's promise comes with His protection

- "Him who dishonors you, I will curse..." (Gen. 12:3)

IV. GOD'S RESPONSE

Genesis 12:17-20 - "But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram and said, 'What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?'¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go.'²⁰ And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had."

A. God protects and saves Abram from himself

B. What does Abram do?

- He returns and calls upon the name of the Lord!

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Have you ever embarked on a mission for God only to have everything go wrong right away? Share that with the group. What did God teach you through that life experience?
3. Egypt was a constant temptation to Abram and later Israel whenever they doubted God's goodness and ability to keep His promises. What are some things you turn to when things go wrong and you doubt God's love and power?
4. Why is it so easy for us to seek security outside of God? What does this seeking for security away from God reveal about our hearts?
5. Abram's poor decisions still did not have the power to destroy God's sovereign purpose for his life. How does this encourage you to live boldly for God?
6. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you with that?

GOD'S PROMISE THIS WEEK

- "I will never leave you or forsake you." – Hebrews 13:5
 - God never left or forsook Abram even when He messed up... because God had called him. We are like Abram in a lot of ways. So then, why is this an important promise for us to be aware of?
 - How has this promise encouraged you in your life?