

“Faith, Not Fear” • Genesis 12
Mt Lassen Community Church • August 3, 2025

Intro • *Did you ever get caught in a huge lie as a kid? Or catch one of your own kids in a big lie? Why are lies so hurtful to a relationship?*

Vs 1 • Abram enters the Promised Land, leaving behind the pagan gods of his father and family (Joshua 24:2)

Vs 2a • God promises to make Abram a great NATION & NAME.
Problem: his wife is barren; they have no children!

Abram’s name means: _____ • *God redeeming Abram from this identity problem becomes Abram’s BIG STORY!*

Discussion • *Throughout the Bible, God redefines His people’s identity in Him. As His followers, what should our approach to “identity” be?*

Vs 2b–3 • If Abram is blessed, God will bless; if cursed, God will curse. But ultimately, Abram’s BIG PURPOSE is to be a blessing to the whole world. *(Put a pin in this for later!)*

Vs 4–5 • Abram comes into Canaan with great wealth, which will give him great influence—but also great danger from jealous rivals!

Vs 6–9 • Abram surveys his land and builds altars for worship

Vs 10–13 • Abram’s big lie! → Unlike Abram, Jesus never denies His Bride, the Church! Jesus claims us, even facing the danger of the Cross for us. Jesus didn’t let FEAR keep Him from His Bride!

Vs 14–16 • Pharaoh treats Abram well—as Sarai’s BROTHER

Vs 17 • Instead of BLESSING to the world, Abram brings a CURSE!

Discuss • *Why does our witness in this world so depend on being “above reproach”—especially in truth-telling and integrity?*

Vs 18–20 • God protects Abram & Sarai from their own stupidity! God is determined to use Abram for His “Big Blessing Plan” no matter what!

Discuss • *How has God used YOU despite your failures?*

SIX BIG SIN LESSONS:

1 • **Genesis 20:13** • Abram & Sarai told this lie repeatedly—everywhere they went. → _____

2 • **Genesis 20:11** • Abram says he did this because “there was no fear of God in this place.” → _____

3 • Abram exchanges FAITH for FEAR. → _____

4 • His sin is also based in SELFISHNESS; more concerned for himself than his wife! → _____

5 • Abram uses a LOOPHOLE to justify his lie → _____

6 • Abram’s future son Isaac will later repeat the same lie → _____

CLOSING • *Lies keep people in bondage, like the devil. The Truth sets people free, like Jesus! Let’s model the GOSPEL, not the DEVIL!*

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Ephesians 1:13 • In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise

Today's Sermon – Faith, Not Fear August 3

Upcoming Events –

Evening of Worship • Tonight, 4:30-5:30pm

Thursday Bible Study • Foundations of the Faith:
The Nature of Jesus pt 1

Summer Baptism • TBA, but signup now!

VBS • August 4-7 • Sign up now!

MLT • “King of Kings” movie, August 8

Church in the Park • continues through August • 9:30am

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Leave MLCC at 8:30am

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