

Abraham & Sarah (week 7: Old Sin)
Scripture Reading: Genesis 20:1-18
Discussion Questions

1. This is the seventh week of our teaching series focused on Abraham and Sarah. Today's reading is Genesis 20:1-18. Take time to read it for yourself, then read Genesis 12:10-20. What similarities do you notice between these two stories? What differences?
2. Abraham and Sarah once again pretend that Sarah is Abraham's sister so that Abraham will not be harmed. The end result, once again, is that God steps in and intervenes. God has made promises to Abraham and Sarah, and their foolishness has put everything at risk. What does this tell you about God's faithfulness to His promises?
3. At first it seems so odd that Abraham and Sarah do the same exact thing wrong as they did in Genesis chapter 12. But if we stop to think about it, it's actually very relatable. We all struggle with the same sins over and over again, one moment we seem to have a handle on it, and the next we fall into the same trap. When thinking about it this way do you find Abraham and Sarah relatable? Why or why not?
4. How do we deal with old sins, persistent sins, sins that don't seem to go away? They can only be dealt with by submitting to God, committing to follow Him, and leaning on His strength. Read James 4:7-10, what does this passage tell us about how we are to deal with our sins? One of the very first steps is to recognize our sin for what it is, take time in prayer to confess your sins to God, draw near to Him, and seek His forgiveness.