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1. How does this passage reveal both the greatness of Abraham's sin and the superabundance of God's grace? How have you seen God's greater grace with your own sin?
2. What does this account teach about God's character attributes (omniscience, omnipotence, goodness, faithfulness, etc)? Provide specific examples from the text.
3. When are we most tempted to compromise our integrity out of self-preservation? Do you have any personal examples? How can we prevent this?
4. How can cultivating faith in God's promises counteract the grip of fear? What about our understanding of God's grace?
5. God prevented Abimelech from sinning further, even though he was a pagan king (v.6). What does this reveal about God's common grace and desire for all people?
6. In what areas is the enemy tormenting you with fear of punishment? How might you confront him in light of this text?
7. Reflect on humbling experiences God has used to deepen your faith. What relationship do you see between humility and breakthrough? Why is the humbling necessary to the process?
8. When we recognize our sin, (like Abimelech) how should we respond to make it right? What might you need to do today?
9. In vv.17-18, God opens the wombs in miraculous fulfillment of His promise to Abraham. Why this miracle? How might it have spoken to Abraham? How does it speak to you?
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