

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO THE INCONSISTENT

Genesis 12

1. God's promise

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (1-3)

2. Abram's response

- He delayed obeying God's promise (Acts 7:3-4)
- He acted on God's promise (4-6)
- He acknowledged God's promise (7-8)
- He doubted God's promise (10)
- He schemed a way to stay alive (11-13)

3. God's grace

But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 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? 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." And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had. (17-20)