

Sermon Discussion Questions
Genesis 12:10-20 | Faithfulness Over Fear

1. **Opening Question:** What is something you were afraid of as a kid that seems funny or insignificant to you now?

2. **Read** Genesis 12:10-20.

3. Abram's fear leads him to lie, manipulate the situation, and put Sarai at risk in order to protect himself. Why does fear have such power to make things we would normally consider unthinkable start to seem reasonable?

4. The sermon describes fear as a form of worship and asks, "What do you fear over and above God?" What are some fears that can become controlling in our lives?

5. One of the great ironies of the passage is that Pharaoh—the pagan outsider—shows greater spiritual sensitivity than Abram. Why do you think Scripture sometimes portrays outsiders more positively than God's own people?

6. Can you think of a time when someone outside the church challenged you toward something true or good?

7. By the end of the story, Abram has seemingly put all of God's promises in jeopardy. What does God's intervention in verse 17 teach us about whose faithfulness ultimately carries God's promises forward?

8. The sermon contrasts Abram's posture toward his bride—"your life for mine"—with Jesus' posture toward his bride—"my life for yours." How does seeing Jesus as the faithful one change the way we respond to our own failures and fears?

9. The sermon ends with the promise, "He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." What would it look like practically for you to live this week as though God really will be faithful to everything he has promised?