

Sermon Notes

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“Imperfect Faith”

Genesis 12:10-20

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Note in the earlier part of Genesis 12 some ways Abram presents a positive example of a person who trusts God.

Why does Abram go to Egypt? How does he rationalize lying to Pharaoh’s officials?

- What reasons do people give for responding in less than godly ways to adverse circumstances? What might be some underlying motives?

Have you ever thought you failed God so badly that he would completely reject you?

Was your failure worse than dishonoring your spouse, lying to the most powerful person in the world, and bringing a plague upon his household?

- If you skim Genesis chapters 13-22 you’ll see God was not done with Abram – even though he does the same thing again with his wife in chapter 20!
- If you’ve begun to follow Jesus – however imperfectly – the Lord isn’t done with you yet either:

“...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

- Philippians 1:6