



GENESIS: THE BEGINNING
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“When the Bottom Falls Out”
Part 14

“Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels. But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!" Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had” (Genesis 12:10-20).

I. ABRAM’S FEAR OF CIRCUMSTANCES

“Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe” (Genesis 12:10).

1. In the face of bad circumstances, what does God want you to do?

- Pray - Psalm 34:1-7
- Attitude of Trust - James 1:2-5
- Act Accordingly - Daniel 3:16-18

2. A life of faith is characterized by trusting God in confusing circumstances.

II. ABRAM’S FEAR OF MEN

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1. A life of faith is characterized by trusting God in our relationships.
2. Being so dearly loved by God, gives me uncharacteristic confidence.

- Delight – 2 Samuel 22:20
- Adoption – Romans 8:15

III. THE TRUE THEME OF THIS STORY IS WHAT?

If you’ve blown it, don’t give up – keep walking with God by faith.

WHAT IS YOUR FAITH DECISION TODAY?