

Questions

1. Famine often triggered sinful responses from God's people. What circumstance(s) can shake your faith in the Lord and tempt you to try take control of matters without patiently waiting on the Lord?
2. Read Matthew 16:24-26. What is the danger of allowing self-preservation to outweigh our loyalty to Jesus? What's a way that you've learned to yield a strong desire over to His rule?
3. There is no record of Abraham seeking God's wisdom about going to Egypt or crying out for help when Sarai was taken. Do you ever find that you make bad choices and a lack of faith worse by not running to God in confession and asking for help?
4. Is there a "But God" moment that you recall; a time when you had gotten yourself in bad circumstances, but God acted to deliver you?
5. 2 Timothy 2:13 says that if we are faithless, God remains faithful because He cannot deny Himself. How have you seen that demonstrated?



He Remains Faithful

Genesis 12:10-20

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In Genesis 12:10-20 we'll see the faithlessness of man, characterized by dread and deception, contrasted against the steadfast faithfulness of God, characterized by provision and protection.

Famine was a common point of testing for God's people in the Old Testament.

Abraham's heart was ruled by the desire for self-preservation. That led him to react with:

1. Dread

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2. Deception

Despite Abraham's faithlessness and foolishness, the prevailing theme of this story is that God will not allow His name or His promises to be compromised, *even* when His own people act in ungodly ways. God responded with:

1. Provision

2. Protection

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. 2 Timothy 2:13