



“Going Down to Egypt”

8/18/24 Text: Genesis 12:10-20

1. Faltering Faith (vs. 10-13)

[10] Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. [11] When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, [12] and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. [13] Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.”

2. Catastrophic Consequences (vs. 14-16)

[14] When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. [15] And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. [16] And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

3. Divine Deliverance (vs. 17-20)

[17] But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. [18] 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? [19] 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.” [20] And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

Application:

- 1) Human failure cannot derail God’s promises.
- 2) The life of faith involves trials.
- 3) Unfaithfulness leads to severe consequences.
- 4) When our faith fails, God’s faithfulness and grace are always present to rescue and restore.

Genesis 13:1–4

[1] So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

[2] Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. [3] And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, [4] to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD.

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: How does Abram’s decision to go to Egypt reflect a lack of faith, and what can we learn from his actions about the importance of seeking God’s guidance? In what ways do fear and self-preservation influence our decisions, and how can we cultivate a deeper trust in God’s promises? How does God’s intervention in Abram’s situation demonstrate His faithfulness, even when we falter? How can this truth provide comfort in our own lives? What can we learn from Abram’s return to the altar after his failure in Egypt, and how can we apply this practice of spiritual renewal in our own lives?

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