



“Abraham & Sarah in Egypt”
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Genesis 12:1-4a (NIV)

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him;

SOME BACKGROUND ON ABRAHAM

Who is he?

- The “founding father” of our faith.
- Christians, Jews & Muslims trace their spiritual lineage to Abraham

When did Abraham live?

- Roughly 2000 B.C.

Where did Abraham Live?

- Ur (Iraq) _ Harran (Syria) _ Canaan (Israel)

ABRAHAM’S FAMILY AND GOD’S PROMISE

Abraham is married to a woman named Sarah. Abraham is 75 years old, and Sarah is 65 years old. They are childless.

“Abraham” means _____.

(In Harran, God tells Abraham) *“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”* Genesis 12:2 (NIV)

(God to Abraham) *To your offspring I will give this land.* Genesis 12:7 (NIV)

ABRAHAM AND SARAH HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Now there was a famine in the land... Genesis 12:10 (NIV)

THEY HEAD TO EGYPT

...he went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. Genesis 12:10b (NIV)

ABRAHAM GETS SCARED AND PLOTS TO LIE

When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. 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.

Genesis 12:11-13 (NIV)

PHARAOH'S GOT AN EYE FOR SARAH. ABRAHAM'S GOT A PROBLEM.

When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai 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, male and female servants, and camels.

Genesis 12:14-16 (NIV)

GOD STEPS IN

But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.

Genesis 12:17 (NIV)

PHARAOH IS FURIOUS

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?"

Genesis 12:18-19a (NIV)

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 12:19b-20 (NIV)

The Point: _____

Do you _____ in difficult times?

ANSWER KEY:

"Abraham" means EXALTED FATHER.

The Point: YOU MAY THINK THE GAME IS OVER, BUT GOD ALWAYS HAS THE WINNING MOVE.

Do you TRUST GOD in difficult times?