

LIVING BY FAITH OR BY FEAR? ~ Genesis 12:10-20

→ Scripture Reading Heb 11:8-10, 11:13-16

FALTERING FAITH ~ Genesis 12:10-13

[10] 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. [11] As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. [12] When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. [13] Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

APPLICATION

Psalm 44:5-7 (NIV) Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes. [6] **I do not TRUST in my bow, my sword DOES NOT bring me victory;** [7] but **YOU GIVE US VICTORY** over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.

GIVING IN TO FEAR ~ Genesis 12:14-16

[14] When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. [15] And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. [16] He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels.

APPLICATION

BRINGING A CURSE NOT A BLESSING ~ Genesis 12:17-20

[17] But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. [18] So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? [19] 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!" [20] Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

BECAUSE OF ABRAM'S FEAR...

- Circumstances became OVERWHELMING
- Decisions were Impacted NEGATIVELY
- God's Promises were DOUBTED
- he Became SELF-FOCUSED

Matthew 6:25-27, 33 (NIV) "Therefore I tell you, do not WORRY about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? [26] Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? [27] Who of you by WORRYING can add a single hour to his life? ...[33] But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

RESPONDING TO FEAR...

- Remember God is FAITHFUL
- HUMBLE yourself before God
- PURSUE God with ALL your heart
- Never count on your own CLEVERNESS
- Reaffirm your FAITH and TRUST in God

Tis so sweet to Trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know Thus saith the Lord
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him How I've proved Him over and over
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus - **O FOR GRACE TO TRUST YOU MORE**

Isaiah 41:10 (NAS) 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.