

## **Genesis 12:1-2 (HCS)**

**[1] The LORD said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.**

## **Genesis 12:3-4 (HCS)**

**[3] I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you. [4] So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.**

## **Genesis 15:4-5(HCS)**

**[4] Now the word of the LORD came to him: “This one will not be your heir; instead, one who comes from your own body will be your heir.” [5] He took him outside and said, “Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.”**

## **Genesis 15:5-6 (HCS)**

**Then He said to him, “Your offspring will be that numerous.” [6] Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.**

# **Ongoing SINFUL Choices**

**Genesis 20:1-18**

## **Abraham Was...**

**75** - when he **BELIEVED** God's Promises  
and left Haran

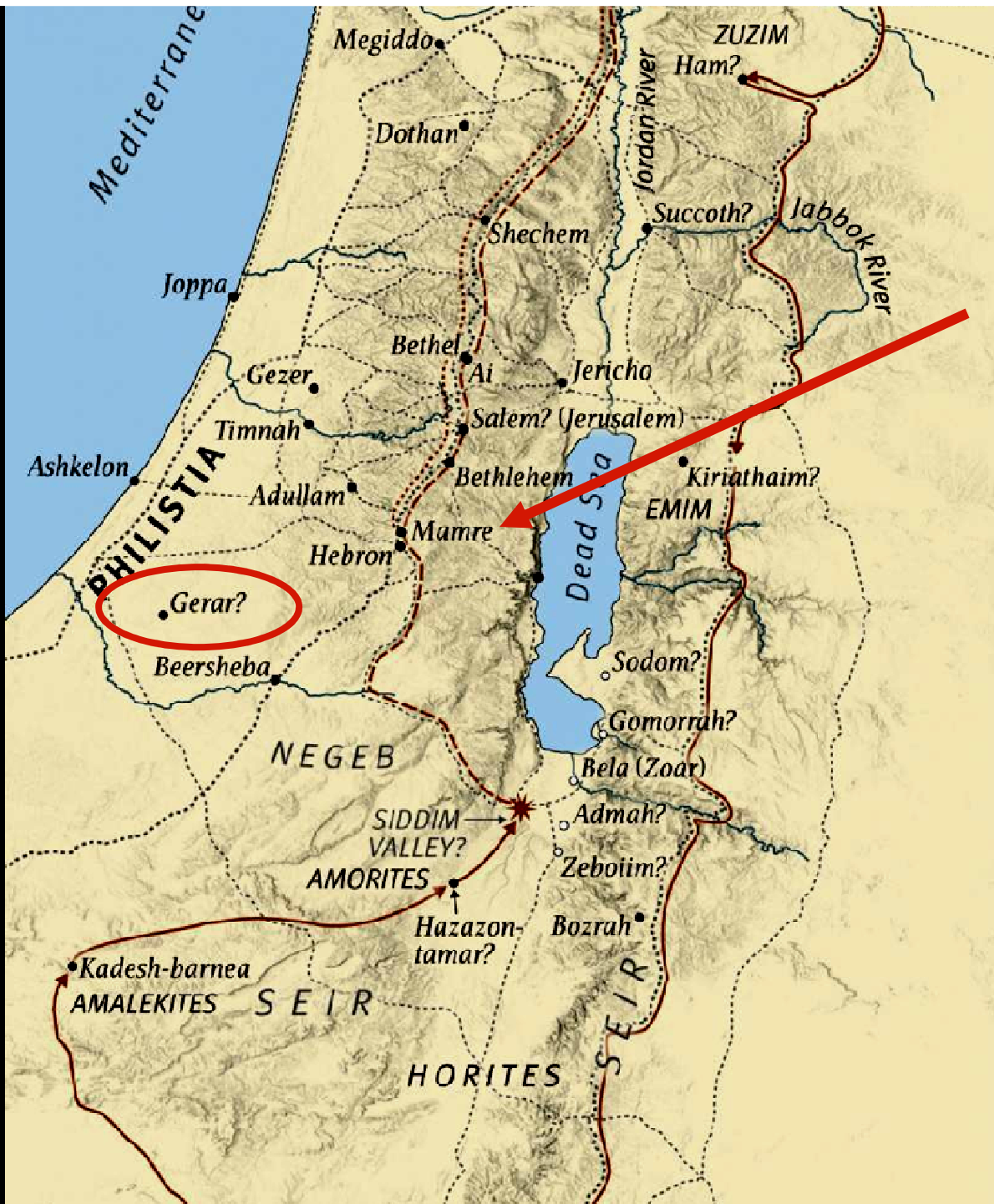
**78** - when he **WENT** to Egypt

**99** - when God told Sarah she would  
**HAVE A SON**

Genesis 18:14 (NIV)

Is **ANYTHING** too hard for the **LORD**?

I will return to you at the appointed time next year and **Sarah will have a son.**"



**H**ungry

**A**ngry

**L**onely

**T**ired

**Light hearted ADMISSION of sin**  
**is NOT the same as**  
**BROKENHEARTED confession of sin.**

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# Responding to Sin

- **HATE** our sin
- be **BROKEN** by our sin
- **DESPISE** the memory of it
- **CONFESS** take the sin to God
- **REJOICE** in God's Forgiveness

## Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In **REPENTANCE** and **REST** is your **SALVATION**, in **QUIETNESS** and **TRUST** is your **strength**, but you would have none of it.

# Overcoming Ongoing Sinful Choices...

- Seek God's Help **BEFORE** it comes
- **PLAN** Ahead
- **MEMORIZE** a Helpful verses
- **TRUST** God for the Victory

## Abraham's sin...

- **RISKED** Sarah's honor
- **ENDANGERED** the **PROMISE** of an heir
- **DISHONORED** God
- was an sinful **CHOICE**

**FEAR** of man and  
**FAITH** in God  
cannot dwell together in the  
same heart.

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Genesis 15:1 (NIV)

After this, the word of the LORD  
came to Abram in a vision:

**"Do NOT be AFRAID, Abram.**

**I am your SHIELD,**

**your very great REWARD."**

## Isaiah 43:1 (NIV)

But now, this is what the LORD says -  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

**"FEAR NOT**, for I have **redeemed** you;  
I have **SUMMONED** you **by name**;  
**YOU ARE MINE.**

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV)

When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you;** and when you pass through the rivers, they **will NOT sweep over you.** When you walk through the fire, **you will NOT be burned;** the flames will NOT set you ablaze.

**For I am the LORD, YOUR God,**  
the Holy One of Israel, YOUR Savior...

# God Says Fear NOT

- You are **MINE**
- I **WILL** be **WITH** you
- I **AM** the Lord **YOUR** God

**God was FAITHFUL**  
even when Abraham  
was **FAITHLESS**

Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)

...should we **KEEP ON SINNING**  
**SO THAT** God can **show us more and**  
more of his wonderful **GRACE?**

**Of course NOT!**

Since we have died to sin,  
how can we continue to live in it?

## Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

**For the GRACE of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

It teaches us to **say "NO" to ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live **self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,**

**Titus 2:13-14 (NIV)**

while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, **Jesus Christ, who gave himself**

**for us to REDEEM us**

**FROM all wickedness**

and to **PURIFY** for himself

a people that are his very own,

**EAGER** to do what is **GOOD**.

God can achieve **HIS** purpose either through the **Absence of human power and resources,** or the **Abandonment of RELIANCE** on them. All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, **because their unusual**  
**DEPENDENCE ON HIM**

made possible the **unique display of His power and grace.** He chose and used somebodies only when they **RENOUNCED DEPENDENCE** on their natural abilities and resources. O. Chambers

# Questions

1. How can we indentify those things which trip us up and take us back into sin?
2. How can we keep from having Seesaw Faith?
3. How can we turn from Fear to Trust in our Faithful God?