

## “Faithlessness and Faithfulness”

Genesis 12:10–20

May 14, 2023

### Failure (Genesis 12:10–16)

“Depend upon it, God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies.” (Hudson Taylor)

“Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.” (Romans 14:23)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

“It is only in the trial of God’s grace that its beauty and power can be seen. Then all our trials of temper, circumstances, provocation, sickness, disappointment, bereavement, will but give a higher burnish to the mirror, and enable us to reflect more fully and more perfectly the glory and blessedness of our Master.” (Hudson Taylor)

### Faithfulness (Genesis 12:17–20)

“When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, saying, “Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!”” (Psalm 105:12–15)

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.” (Deuteronomy 7:9)

“If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.” (2 Timothy 2:13)

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:25–27)

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## Discuss

- How can a family be a source of blessing? How can a family become an incubator of sin?
- How can Christians stay pro-family without idolizing the family?
- God is faithful even when we are faithless, but could that biblical teaching be wrongly understood and abused?
- How does the failure of Abram point you to Jesus Christ?

## Read

Psalm 105:1–15; Proverbs 31:10–31; Ephesians 5:25–33

## Pray

- That God will bless the mothers in our congregation and minister to all who are grieving.
- That God will help us to trust in him more than we trust in any human relationship or in ourselves.
- That God will give us a greater confidence in his faithfulness.

## Bulletin

- Men's Breakfast: June 3 at 8:30am
- VBS (Rising Kindergarteners–5th Graders): June 26–30