



CONNECTION QUESTION

Have you ever told a lie or half truth that backfired and ended in disaster? Share an example.

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read Genesis 12:10; James 1:2-4; Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Why did God let the trial of famine into Abraham's life? Why does God allow trials in our life? What are some trials you are facing today? How does what we learned about Abraham's sin in Egypt help you face your trial?

> Read Genesis 12:10-13; Proverbs 3:5-6

What was Abraham's first mistake? What was his second mistake? What do these mistakes teach us about how seriously Abraham trusted in God's promises? How does trust in God's Word keep us from sin? Share an example.

> Read Genesis 12:14-20; Joshua 7:1-9;

When we sin, others suffer. Who suffered for Abraham's sin? Who suffered for Achan's sin? What do these stories teach us about unexpected consequences of sin?



> Read Genesis 12:12-13; Genesis 20:12; Matthew 6:24-34; Matthew 8:23-27

Living in fear of the future leads to living in sin. What should we do when we are afraid of what the future might hold? Share an example where you have seen this in your life.

> Read Genesis 12:17-20; 1 Samuel 25:32-35;

God protected Abraham from the consequences of his sin. Share a time when God stepped in to protect you from the consequences of your sin. What should we do when we realized God protected us from our own sinfulness and stupidity?

> Read Genesis 13:1-3; Revelation 2:1-5; Acts 3:19-21

After Abraham's grand failure, he went back to the place where he first made an altar and called on the name of the Lord. After we sin, repentance involves going back to the beginning and doing what we were doing when we were close to God. What are those places and practices that help us get back to the beginning with God?

NEXT STEPS

Looking back at this week's study, what is most important for you to act on? Why?