

Stubborn Sin and Faithful Blessings

Genesis 20

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. Have you experienced difficulty trusting that God will make way for you where you don't see much of a way forward? If so, could you share your experience with your group?
2. Abraham committed the sin of telling a lie that his wife Sarah was his sister more than once (verse 13 implies that this was a normal practice!). Do you have any sins that you commit over and over? How can Calvary or your small group help you to stop committing the same mistakes?
3. Abraham was fearful of Abimelek, even though God had already protected him in similar circumstances. Why is it hard to trust God, even when we have already seen Him be faithful?

Why is it so easy to forget blessings and be overwhelmed by doubts?

4. Which character in the story do you identify with most and why?
5. Abimelek is told to have Abraham, a person who wronged him, pray for him. How would you feel if God restored you because of the prayers of someone who wronged you? What does Abimelech's obedience teach Abraham then, and us today?
6. Genesis 20:8 says that Abimelek rose "early in the next morning" (šāḳam bōqer) to obey God. This is similar to what Abraham does in Genesis 22:3 when he rose "early in the next morning" (šāḳam bōqer) to go sacrifice Isaac. Both men obeyed God's difficult command quick and without delay "early in the next morning." Are there any decisions in which you are delaying obedience to God?

Abimelek had his officials, and Abraham had his two servants- ask your small group to come along side and encourage you to obey!