



She's My Sister! (Abraham)

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1. Abraham's problems

- Fear
- Deception
- Repeating the same sins

¹⁰ At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner. ¹¹ As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!'" ¹³ So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you." ¹⁴ And sure enough, when Abram arrived in Egypt, everyone noticed Sarai's beauty. ¹⁵ When the palace officials saw her, they sang her praises to Pharaoh, their king, and Sarai was taken into his palace. ¹⁶ Then Pharaoh gave Abram many gifts because of her—sheep, goats, cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels. ¹⁷ But the LORD sent terrible plagues upon Pharaoh and his household because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram and accused him sharply. "What have you done to me?" he demanded. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' and allow me to take her as my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and get out of here!" ²⁰ Pharaoh ordered some of his men to escort them, and he sent Abram out of the country, along with his wife and all his possessions.

Genesis 12:10-20 NLT

¹ Abraham moved south to the Negev and lived for a while between Kadesh and Shur, and then he moved on to Gerar. While living there as a foreigner, ² Abraham introduced his wife, Sarah, by saying, "She is my sister." So King Abimelech of Gerar sent for Sarah and had her brought to him at his palace.

Genesis 20:1-2 NLT

2. God's solutions

- Protection
- Truth
- Faithfulness

Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible story (Genesis 12 & 20)
- Pray and tell God my fears and ask him to give me strength and faith to face them
- Put my trust in God: _____
- Take time each day this week to thank God for his protection and faithfulness to me
- _____