

Date of Message: 1/29/23

Series Title: Starting Point

Title of Message: Failure, Faith, and Family

Main Text: Genesis 12:10-13:18

Connection Group Questions:

Opening up: Describe a time you used a “white lie” to get what you wanted. How do we handle “white lies” today in our culture?

Digging in:

- Do you think Abram was wrong to go to Egypt? Why or why not?
- How do you know what to do when you are in a “famine?” How can you know what God’s will is in that situation?
- Was Sarai wrong for submitting to Abram’s directions? When is someone justified for disobeying authority? What does this mean for us?
- What kind of faith growth do you notice in Genesis 13 in Abram’s life?
- Discuss Lot’s decision to move toward Sodom. Have you ever had this kind of experience?
- Do you think that God sends these types of trials to see how we will react or do they just “happen?”

Making it yours:

- What can we learn about our own faith from this story of Abram?
- What choices are we faced with that may resemble the decision Lot had to make?
- How can I be sure to do God’s will—God’s way?

Prayer time:

- Pray for those in your group and their needs and praise God for his answers.
- Pray for those on our Bethel prayer list.
- Pray for our church to do God’s will—God’s way.