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A. LEARNING to Live by Faith (Gen. 12:4-7; Heb. 11:8-19)

1. You enter God's family by the Spiritual Birth _____. At the moment you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God by His grace and through the Holy Spirit makes you a _____ in Jesus Christ. (1Cor. 12:13; 2Cor 5:17; Col 3:9-10)
2. Every believer _____ in God and His promises. (2Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:6-7; Heb. 12:1-2)

B. TRIALS come when Walking by Faith (Gen. 12:10-13:18)

1. Trials with _____ – A famine in the land; Abraham does not live by faith, but walks by sight and goes down to Egypt. (12:10) Trials are designed by God to strengthen your faith in him. (James 1:2-12; 1Pet. 1:3-9; 5:10)

* Do you ever wait upon God by faith to show you His will? (Ex. 14:13; 2Chron. 20:17; Ps. 27:14, 37:34, 46:10; Prov. 3:5-7; Is. 40:29-31; Acts 16:6-10; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:7-8)

2. Trials with _____ – In Egypt, Abram did not trust the Lord, but for his own selfish protection he lies about Sarai being his sister to the authorities. Yet, by grace God protects and preserves Sarai in the Pharaoh's harem. (12:11-20)

* Do you ever try to manipulate your circumstances for selfish gain?

3. Trials with _____ – Due to the wealth and herds of Abram and Lot, there is a potential strife between them. Abram walks by faith and gives Lot his choice of the land. (13:1-9)

* Can riches or poverty be a problem in the life of a Christian? (Prov. 11:28; 18:23, 28:11; Eccl. 2:1-11; Luke 12:13-34; 1Tim. 6:6-19)

4. Trials with CARNAL BELIEVERS. (Gen. 13:10-18) – Lot walks by sight and selfishly chooses the best land, while pitching his tent toward Sodom.

C. LESSONS to be LEARNED in Living by Faith (Gen. 20)

1. When living by faith, remember that _____, including mature ones. (20:1-2)

2. When living by faith, you need to learn to receive _____ even when you have good intentions. (20:3-6)

3. When living by faith, you must _____ for your personal _____. (20:7)

4. When living by faith, you must _____. (20:8-9)

5. When living by faith, you must remember that _____. (20:10-12)

6. When living by faith, you must recognize your flesh will tend to _____. (20:13)

7. When living by faith, you cannot judge your personal spirituality on your _____. (20:14)

8. When living by faith, you must remember that when you do sin, you can be _____ (20:15-18) (Luke 15:11-32)

* Are you learning to live by faith?