

**The Fall of Abraham, Again
Even the Best, Bust.
Genesis 20:1-18
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Was Abraham faithfully fulfilling his purpose in this passage?

Was God faithfully fulfilling his purpose in this passage?

Abraham failed. Our faith may falter, God's faithfulness never fails.

Abraham's Habitual Sin v 1-2, 15

Lying about his wife to protect himself. 'If you really love me, you will lie for me.'

Abraham was putting the promised seed in jeopardy.

Abraham was putting redemptive history at hazard.

Abraham was capable of scaling great heights of faith, and falling to great depths.

God pursues his purpose even in our failure.

God's Intervention v 3-7

God is protecting Sarah, preserving the seed, and growing Abraham.

God confronts Abimelech v 3

Abimelech's defense v 4-5

What is a prophet?

Abimelech's Reaction v 8-10

All his people feared.

Abimelech is God's agent to confront Abraham's sin.

Three questions of Abimelech.

What was the right answer to these questions?

Abraham's Faulty Blame-shifting

- 1) There is no fear of God in this place.
- 2) They will kill me because of my wife.
- 3) She really is my sister, I did not lie.
- 4) God made me wander and forced this deception.
- 5) I have been committed to this deception for a long time.

When confronted with sin, admit it, and cast it from you.

Why do I have a gas grill now?

When someone confesses their sin to you, forgive them.

A Strange Aftermath

Abimelech gives

Abraham prays

Can God still use you after you have failed miserably?