

**FAITH FORWARD**  
**WHEN FAITH MOVES BACKWARD: ABRAHAM'S FAILURES**  
**Genesis 12:10-20 and Chapter 20**

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**1. We serve an honest God.**

*"In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began."* Titus 1:2

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

*"But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this."* John 8:40

**2. God gave us an honest book.**

*"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."* John 17:17

*"If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus."* Ephesians 4:21

### **3. God shows us a real hero.**

*“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”*

*Hebrews 11:8-10*

*“And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, ‘Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, “This is his wife”; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you.’”*

*Genesis 12:11-13*

### **4. Not moralism, but Jesus.**

*“And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.”*

*Hebrews 11:39-40*

*“Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.”*

*Galatians 3:21-22 (NIV)*

**5. God remembers our sins, but does not hold them against us.**

*“No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”*

*Jeremiah 31:34*

*“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”*

*1 Corinthians 3:11-15*

**6. God uses people who fail, even twice and repent.**

Genesis 12:17-13:4

Genesis 20:1-2

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