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ABRAHAM PART 9  
THE PHARAOH ENCOUNTER

Genesis 12:10-20 tells what happened in Egypt when Abram went there. Pharaoh took Abram's wife Sarai into his house with the intention of marrying her. Abram's deceitful plot had led Pharaoh to believe she was unmarried. Knowing that Abram had the legal authority to offer his "sister" in marriage, Pharaoh began showering Abram with all manner of gifts, somewhat like a dowry.

Pharaoh gave Abram many servants (slaves), sheep, oxen, donkeys, and camels. Abram's wealth grew and grew. However, Pharaoh began to get besieged with plagues. He understood this was from a god that punishing him for wrongdoing. He learned from this that Sarai was more than Abram's sister; she was also his wife.

Pharaoh called Abram in and rebuked him for deceiving him. He told Abram to take his wife and get out of Egypt. "Oh, by the way, keep everything I have given you. Just get out!!!" He then commanded his soldiers to escort Abram out of the country.

But God had made Abram a promise (Genesis 12:2). He would make Abram a great nation and a great name in the world, and Abram would become a blessing to all the families of the earth.

Even though Abram had followed his own way instead of God's way, and even though he had dealt dishonestly with Pharaoh, God continued to bless Abram and increased his wealth and power. God had a plan for this man, and God was going to build upon that promise despite Abram's faults.

God's promises are sure and certain. His plan for you will be fulfilled even if you make some wrong turns, like Abram did. Abram eventually learned to trust God; it just took him most of his life to get to that point.

If you will trust God, and seek to follow in His way, you will also find fulfillment in His plan for you. You might not "see" it now but stay with Him and it will come to pass.

It is His desire to bless you, and not to condemn you. He loves you more than you can imagine. He is faithful. Let us also be faithful.