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Both Genesis 12:10-13:2 and Genesis 20:1-18 speak on two incidents that occurred with the some of the same people. In Genesis chapter 12 and chapter 20 one man doesn't want the people he is going to see to know that his wife is actually his wife. In both accounts the husband and wife to go somewhere that they had to pretend that they were siblings instead of husband and wife. The husband wants to save his life which is why he doesn't want the people to know the truth and desires to withhold it from them.

While they are similar there also some differences between Genesis chapter 12 and chapter 20. In chapter 12 the characters are called Abram and Sarai. Abram tells his wife Sarai to tell the that she is sister and not his wife because of her "beautiful countenance". In one story Abram and Sarai say that they are siblings and in the other they do not, in the other chapter they are called Abraham and Sarah but they don't say that they are related. While Abram tells his wife to say that she is his sister in chapter 12 in chapter 20 He is the one to say that she is his sister. In chapter 12 the Egyptians don't know that Sarai is Abram's wife so he wants her to lie but in chapter 20

the truth comes to Abimelech in a dream where God tells him that he is a dead man because "...she is a man's wife". In chapter 20 Abimelech is believing that Sara is not Abraham's wife and considers taking her for himself. Although he was not told that they were siblings he thought that and that God visited him in a dream letting him know that he was in error in believing that they were indeed brother and sister, that he is not to take her for himself and that He withheld him from sinning against Himself.

The two stories in Genesis chapter 12 and chapter 20 are not only similar to each other but they are also similar to chapter 26, more so chapter 20. This time it is not Abraham that is with Abimelech but it is Abraham's son Isaac, God speaks to Isaac and commands him to go to not to go to Egypt, tells him what He had told Abraham and wanted him to follow His lead with where He would tell him to dwell. Similar to what happened Abram and Sarai years before they had Isaac, Abram was falsifying to the Egyptians that Sarai was his sister Isaac too dwelt in the place he went and was too afraid to say that Rebekah was his wife so he said that she was his sister.

These stories teach and remind me that God knows everything, we can lie to people but not to God. The Lord always knows the truth even when we decide to keep it to ourselves. When you fib to people you are not fibbing to

God. Nothing escapes God's sight. The truth will never not come out into the light. I also was reminded through this that God will do what it takes to help us not sin. Whatever is ours He will not allow someone to even entertain the idea of thinking they can have it. He will also warn us and if we sin after His warning that is because we gave in and it is not His fault and He is not to blame.

What I can apply from these stories to my life is to remember that not one thing escapes God or who He is. The Egyptians saw that Sarai was beautiful in appearance but didn't know she was in fact Abram's wife. I never want to think something is beautiful with my physical eyes, my eyes can deceive me. I want to have more discernment and be able to see through the eyes of my Heart, I don't want to covet something that isn't mine.