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Old Testament Assignment 1

The chapter Gen 12:10-13 is about how Abraham went from Mamre to the southern part of Canaan which was going through a famine at that time and there Abraham out of fear for his life told king Abimelech of Gerar that his wife was his sister then Gen 20:1-18 Abimelech had Abraham's wife taken to him and on that night God gave him a dream warning, telling him that he will die and his people because he has taken a woman that was already married to Abraham and because of Abraham saying his wife was his sister Abimelech thought she was a woman without a spouse so Abimelech told God I did it without Guilt, then God told Abimelech that's why I warned you.

So then later the next day Abimelech told his officers what happened and they feared then He called Abraham telling him about what happened in the dream and told him why would you bring this upon my people why would you lie about your wife is your sister but then Abraham said in ***Gen 20:11***

“Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. 12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.”

The similarities between the two stories, Abraham speaks out saying his wife is His sister to save his life because he thought the people in the place he was was not so merciful so out of fear he told them that Sarah was his sister and because of that Abimelech mistakes Abraham as his sister and because of

that he asked the guards to take her to him and because of that God gave him a dream warning him that death will come to him and his people and that the woman He has taken to make her as his wife is married but he didn't know so but the difference is that Abraham wife turned out to be his sister after all because she was the daughter of his father but not the daughter of my mother so he was telling the truth but used it out of fear that's what I think are the differences and the similarities of the two stories. Do I think Abraham was the right thing or not? Well, I would say He did not lie I can say that because He admitted telling the truth that His wife is his sister from his dad's side but at the same time He should have been more specific in the beginning when He mentioned Sarah being His sister but I get that He did it without thinking and He said it out of fear of his life so its yes He was right with his action because He did not lie when it came to saying that Sarah was his sister but at the same time He could not have worded himself better to cause any confrontation as he did with Abimelech. These stories can resonate with Gen 26:34 when Issac said out of fear to Abimelech that Rebekah was his sister but was his wife then Abimelech saw that it was his wife so this story can also resonate with the same issue that happen with Abraham but the difference is that Abraham did not lie but Issac did because Rebekah was not his sister at all.

These two stories teach something important about God, is a being who is not to be interfered with and a God who gives warnings before you attempt something but behind all that He's also a merciful God a being who cares for his people an example would be the dream that God introduced to Abimelech warning him that he and his people will be punished if he did not return Abraham, the wife to him so stories can teach you everything about God and that he also has feelings just like we do. After reading about these two stories, I can relate them to my life because I've

experienced times when I've said something and was not specific about it. And these stories taught me that your mouth does have power, and about your words, you can cause serious issues without, also listen to God when it comes to signs and warnings it is the most important thing to do because I've experienced warnings and signs before and I learned my lesson these two stories can apply to the same situation I went through.