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### **Oh Abram, Oh Abraham!**

**Gen 12:10** is about how Abraham and his wife Sarah went to the promised land of Canaan and realized there was a famine. As a result they went to Egypt to get food from their land. Once Abraham and his wife Sarah arrived in Egypt, he realized that he may be killed because of his wife. Sarah, his wife is Egyptian and Abraham is Hebrew. Egyptian and Hebrews married together are an abomination to the law. As a result he told Sarah to proclaim him as her brother and him as his sister. Pharaoh saw Sarah and tried to take her as his wife. Abraham was worried about the mess he had made so God helped him. God interceded by sending plagues upon pharaoh's servants and his family. Pharaoh found out this was happening because Sarah was Abram's wife. Pharaoh asked Abraham why and Abraham responded with the truth. He was afraid that he would be killed. Pharaoh awarded him with sheeps and cattles.

In Gen 20 Abraham and Sarah traveled to negave whose ruler was abimelech once again Abraham had said that Sarah was his sister. Abimelech took Sarah but did not touch her. God appeared in abimelech dream and said to give back Abraham his wife, so he did. He asked Abraham the next day why he lied and explained that he was afraid for his life. Abimelech rewarded him with gold, two servants and cattle. They left and went off.

With these two scriptures I would say that Abraham was an idiot to make the same mistake twice but that wouldn't be the christian way to see it but as I compare the two I learned about God's grace, protection and intercession. One similarity that I can take away from is God will intercede on our behalf when we are afraid to stand up and speak the truth. Everytime Abraham would tell the truth he was rewarded. I feel as though if Abraham would have trusted God and told the truth God would have had Abraham's back. Now as I type this out I see that I feel as though this was God's plan to gain Abrahams trust. By showing him that God will intercede to protect him and provide. I will use this story as an example. I feel as though God would not protect me if I spoke the truth. That my life is in his hands.

A difference that i found between the stories of the scriptures was the way God interceed. God punished pharaohs meanwhile he didn't punish ambileck he warned him. I believe that there was significance in the way God did this. I believe that he did this to strike fear in them.

In conclusion although i don't believe abraham was right in his action to lie i can understand why. Even though he lied and put his wife in danger i still can see How God was graceful to abraham.