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Abraham's trajectory

On the first story, the famine in the land was so severe. Abraham goes to Egypt to live there. When Abraham was about to enter Egypt, he told Sarai that as soon as the Egyptians see her face, he would be killed. For this reason, Abraham told Sarai to say that they were siblings. When Abraham entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was beautiful, and the princes of Pharaoh entrusted her to Pharaoh. Then, she was taken to Pharaoh's house, and he treated Abraham very well. Pharaoh had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels. The Lord struck Pharaoh and his house with plagues because of Sarai. Pharaoh claimed Abraham because he lied. After that, he gave Sarai and everything he had to Abraham. Abraham ends up being very rich in livestock, silver, and gold. Then he goes to the South with Lot, Sarai and everything he had.

On the second story, Abraham goes to the South and stays in Gerar. He tells Abimelech, king of Gerar, that Sarah is his sister. God appears in a dream of Abimelech and claims him. Abimelech told God that they both (Abraham and Sarah) told him they were siblings. God said that it was because of him, he prevented Abimelech from sinning. He also told him to return his wife because Abraham was a prophet and he would pray for everyone, but if he doesn't, he and all his people will die. Abimelech complains to Abraham, Abraham tells him that he thought that in that place there was no fear of God, that they would kill him and that in fact Sarai was actually his sister on the father's side but that she became his wife. Then Abimelech took sheep,

oxen, male and female servants. Abimelech gave all of it to Abraham, returned Sarah and told him to live where he wanted in his land. He also gave him 1000 pieces of silver, then Abraham gave gold and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his female servants.

Both stories are similar. On both stories, Abraham omitted information, which is when he tells Sarai/Sarah to tell that she is his sister, but not say that she is his wife too. Also, the things that were given to Abraham. For example, the sheep, oxen, male and female servants, among others. Pharaoh and Abimelech were interested in Sarai/Sarah, that's another similarity.

The difference between these stories are the characters, the places, some of the animals, among others. The first story includes Pharaoh, unlike the second story that includes Abimelech. The first story was in Egypt and the second one was in Gerar. On Genesis 12:10-13:2, it is mentioned the animals oxen, male donkeys, female donkeys, and camels, which are not mentioned on Genesis 20:1-18. The first story mentions the character "Sarai" and the second story it seems to be the same person, but it says "Sarah". These are some differences that I noticed from the stories.

I think Abraham was not right in his actions because he omitted information. Even though he had his reasons, I believe it is not the right thing to do. If he would have said the truth since the beginning, there would not be so many misunderstandings between the characters. These stories, for me, do not resonate with other stories from Genesis.

Both stories taught me about God that he prevents people from committing sins. He has the ability to control things if he does not want them to happen. He demonstrates this when he says "For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her". There are many lessons from these stories that I can apply to my life. For example, fear God. He

shows that He has power, and He has the control of everything, plus if He has to punish you, He will. After telling Abimelech what to do, He said “But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours”. This is when you should fear Him and obey Him. Also, to not omit information because it can cause misunderstandings and it is not the right thing to do.