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These passages are both fascinating to see what was happening in the early days of the bible. As well to see how Abrams handled things being a leader in this situation. So without any further ado, let's dive right in. I liked Genesis 12:10-13:2 The first section we focus on is 12:10, though. There was a severe famine, stated at the beginning of verse 10 "At the time a severe famine struck the land of Canan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner.

Additionally, 13:2 talks about Abrams's departure when he leaves Egypt. Right away, we see both texts in Egypt amid a brewing conflict. However, Genesis 12:10 zeros in on more of the plan of Abram. While 13:2 transitions to his fleeing and later results of transitioning to a new journey. Reverting to chapter 12, verse 10, I believe Abram was wrong for his actions. Abram knew that Sarai was his wife but lied. Using her beauty as an advantage, the officials would praise her, and Abram would receive gifts. But deeper than this, in the interpretation below in my bible, Abram's action showed his lack of faith in God. He was taking the situation into his own hands instead of trusting God to navigate the waters of the problem and deliver him and his wife. This causes long-term consequences that we don't see because of impulsiveness and our constant desire to be in control in the driver's seat. This story resonates with the reign of Pharaoh and how he had the Israelites in his clutches, so to speak, and how they were enslaved. They were in bondage, but the lord was steady indeed leading them out—chapter 13 talks about how Abram had to flee and had riches from the previous situation. Transitioning to chapter 20, verses 1-18, take a different course. He is focusing on Abraham and his deceitfulness when

about his wife. Abraham betrays his wife. Saying that she is his sister, causing cannablis, Abimelech takes Sarah with her permission. But God then intervenes.

Verse 3 shows this directly "But that night God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him "You are a dead man, for that woman that you have taken is already married. "God is not pleased and highly upset. Before this, we see in verse two Abraham introduces his wife by saying, "She is my sister. " I dont agree with this action because the bible talks about lying. Aswell as if Abimelech did sleep with her, it would have caused adultery and a whole curve ball of things. Abraham belongs to Sarah and vice versa, so they must hold each other accountable. And walk in the way God has intended them to for their marriage. These stories taught me to wait on God and not be deceitful. In our human nature, it often seems best to act on what we think we will go through. Or to manipulate the situation so the odds end up in our favor. But God doesn't want us to do this because following his way may not always be what we want, but it will be what's best for us. It's necessary to stay grounded and not build on a foundation of feeling and emotion. But build on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ, what He has for us, and the path He intended for us. Lastly, lessons that can be applied are to step with the father instead of without the father. And to be patient in affliction. Dont look at the circumstance, but look to God where our help comes from.