



Twists and Turns
June 8, 2025 | Genesis 12:10-20
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Genesis 12:10-20 as a group.*

1. **Icebreaker:** Describe a time when you had to overcome a significant challenge to pursue a greater goal.
2. Do you believe a life of faith in God will be free of challenges? Why or why not?
3. What difficult circumstance does Abram face in Genesis 12:10?
4. According to the sermon, the problem with Abram's response wasn't necessarily in going to Egypt; the problem with Abram's response was independence from God — doing things on his own. Why can it be easy to either "forget God" or live in isolation from Him in times of trial?
5. Read James 1:2-4. What result should trials have on refining our faith?
6. What is one trial you're facing in life right now? What is one step you can take to respond in a God-dependent, God-honoring way?
7. Abram's sin, flaws, and failures are another significant challenge that emerge in Genesis 12:10-20. In your own words, summarize how you see Abram's sin and failure play out in this passage.
8. How can the presence of persistent sin in our own lives today make us question God's presence and plan?
9. Read Romans 4:7-8; Hebrews 4:16; and 1 John 1:9. How do these verses provide comfort and reassurance in the face of sin?
10. The overarching point of Genesis 12:10-20 shows us that God's promises and plan are greater than the challenges of trials and our sin. How does Genesis 12:10-20 demonstrate this point?
11. Reflect on truths about Jesus and His work on the cross. How do these gospel truths prove God's faithfulness, even in the face of trials and sin? (Need some help? Consider the following passages: John 16:33; Romans 8:1; Romans 8:18; Romans 8:28-32; Romans 8:37-39; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 12:1-3.)
12. What is a practical step you can take to keep God's faithfulness in Jesus Christ at the front of your mind this week?
13. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
14. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
15. **Challenge:** Memorize Romans 8:37-39 — 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.