



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 12	Title:	Our Failures vs His Faithfulness
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Summary of Chapter:	God called Abram to go to a new land and promised to make him into a great nation. Abram responded with great faith despite his circumstances. Shortly after, however, Abram faced a famine and was forced to go to Egypt. He then acted out of fear to save his own life instead of trusting in God to protect him. Yet God did not abandon Abram, and even made a way for him to be delivered. In His mercy, God intervened and allowed Abram to be sent away unharmed, along with his wife and all his possessions.		
Key Verses (NLT):		How does it speak to me?	
<p>¹⁰ At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner. ¹¹ As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!' ¹³ So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you."</p>		<p>Even a man of great faith like Abram was not perfect. Abram lied out of fear to protect himself. He did not trust that God would protect him even after all that God had promised him. Yet despite Abram's failure, God did not abandon him. There are times as a pastoral staff I feel the pressure of having to seem perfect, to look like I have it all together. I'm fearful of failure and often want to hide them in order to protect myself. But I realised that such a mindset not only affects my relationship with others, but also affects my relationship with God. When I make mistakes, I end up trying to solve them on my own instead of turning to God. So it was really liberating when I learned to turn to God even in my failures, or rather, <i>especially</i> in my failures. I began to see that He's not just waiting to scold me or punish me, but He wants me to turn to Him so that He can help me! And there is such comfort and freedom in knowing that.</p> <p>Take comfort that God did not choose us because we are faithful, but because He is faithful! We can turn to Him even in our failures and allow Him to grow us to become more like Him.</p>	
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Is there a sin or failure in your life that is keeping you from drawing close to God? Take time to confess that to the Lord and trust that He is able to redeem and deliver you out of it.		
Youth:	Knowing that God does not abandon you even at times when you fail Him, how does that make you feel?		
Child:	Have you ever done something wrong and did not want to admit it for fear of getting scolded?		
P R A Y E R :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for being a faithful God even when we are faithless. We take comfort in knowing that You will never abandon us even in our failures. May that draw us to turn to You in humble repentance when we fail You, and not to turn away from You. Help us grow to become more like You.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		