



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 20	Title:	The Right Thing
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Summary of Chapter:	Abraham was afraid for his life in Gerar. He pretended that Sarah was not his wife and lied to Abimelech the king, as he did to Pharaoh in Egypt (Gen. 12). As a result, Abimelech took her into his harem. Despite Abraham's repeated failure to trust God for protection, God revealed the truth to Abimelech in a dream. Sarah returned to Abraham, and they lived freely in the land.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
<i>⁶In the dream God responded, "Yes, I know you are innocent. That's why I kept you from sinning against me, and why I did not let you touch her.</i>	<p>In life, we will have troubles. Many troubles are caused by our own doing. But sometimes, we might run into troubles because of others. Abimelech got into trouble because of Abraham's actions. God instructed him to do the right thing in God's sight. I recall a tele-conversation with my mom which ended on an angry note. I was puzzled but was sure my mom misunderstood me. However, I had no peace even though I was not in the wrong. Obeying the voice of the Holy Spirit, I made peace with my mom. To be honest, I often catch myself justifying my action or inaction especially when I feel I am not in the wrong. But God is interested to transform my character and my attitude towards others, more than to gratify my sense of being right. I learnt that doing the right thing does not always mean to prove my innocence, because God already knows. But in many instances, doing the right thing does mean to be humble, forgiving or loving towards those who fail us and those who get us into trouble. Abimelech did the right thing to bless Abraham and his household despite the trouble Abraham has caused him.</p> <p>Are you more concerned about your reputation of being right? Seek the approval of God, not man. Let God mold our character. Let His Word guide us to respond to the situation / people involved, in His strength, patience and understanding. God vindicates and blesses those who trust Him in His Righteousness.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	Are you facing a situation that you are implicated due to mistakes of others? Do you have someone in mind to whom you need to extend forgiveness and grace? Lift this person up in your prayer and bless that person instead.		
Youth:	Have you been misunderstood by someone (e.g. a classmate, teacher or your parent)? God knows all things and knows how you feel. Ask God for wisdom and humility to resolve any conflict or to reconcile any relationship in a godly manner.		
Child:	Has it ever happened to you when you did something wrong and immediately, you felt 'a little voice in your head' (conscience) telling you it's not right? What happened? Filling our hearts with God's Word is our conscience's best partner.		
PRAYER :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for Your mercy and Your love for us even when we are undeserving of them. I thank you for Your Word and the work of the Holy Spirit to guide us in grace and in truth, showing us and leading us to do what is right in Your sight. Give us Your power and love to be a channel of blessings to all. In the times of troubles, we look to You, our Help, our Shield, our Banner and our Righteousness. Let us grow to trust in You more and more.		
Thanksgiving:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercession:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing, family, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (name). In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.		

