Genesis | AMEN Bible Study 2019-20 Our Failure and God's Faithfulness Gen 12:10-20

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Scripture Introduction:

- I. The failure of faith (Gen 12:10-16; Gen 20; 26:6-16)
 - A. When we take our eyes off God, we will be driven by fear (vv.10-12)
 - Fear of circumstances
 - Fear of people
 - B. The fear driven life idolizes the Self (v.13; Gen 3; 11)
 - At the expense of Sarai
 - At the expense of God's promises
 - C. The fear driven life idolizes comfort (vv.14-16)
 - We're never promised comfort in this life (Mt 10:28; 16:24-26)
 - The idol of comfort only leads to ruin (vv.15-16; Num 32:23)
- II. The Faithfulness of God (Gen 12:17-20; Gen 12:1-3)
 - A. He keeps His promises, even when we fail
 - God judges His and our enemies
 - God blesses His people
 - God will take us home
 - B. He ultimately fulfills His promises in Jesus (Eph 1; Matt 4; 26:36-46; Gal 3:13)
- III. How do we live in the Space Between?
 - A. Believers can expect trials
 - B. Believers can rely on God's amazing grace
 - C. We must keep our eyes on Christ

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Knowing:

- 1. Considering all that you have observed about this passage, how would you summarize Moses's main aim/purpose in writing it? What effect did he intend his words to have on Israel?
- 2. What does this passage mainly reveal about God's character and ways?

Being:

- 1. In what specific ways do you see yourself in Abram?
- 2. How does "knowing" about God's character affect your state of "being"?

Doing:

- 1. In what specific way is God calling you to respond to Him and put His Word into practice?
- 2. What resource(s) does God supply you to live out His Word?