Abraham's fear in Egypt

(1) Adversity in Egypt (Gen 12:11-13)

 Abraham requested Sarah to say to the Egyptians that she was Abraham's sister, not wife. (Gen 12:13)

Abraham wanted to protect himself (Gen 12:13).

• **Spiritual lesson:** Abraham has all the weakness of humans. Despite Abraham's weakness, God chose him to be the father of the chosen nation in the promised land.



(2) The Egyptians saw that Sarah was a beautiful woman. (Gen 12:14)

(3) Sarah was taken to Pharoah's palace. (Gen 12:15)

(4)Pharoah treated Abraham well. (Gen 12:16)

(5) Video: Video: 59:06-1:03:03 (Viewers are cautioned on the inaccurate parts of the video)

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- (6) God inflicted Pharoah and his household with serious diseases as a sign to Pharoah not to take Sarah for himself. (Gen 12:17)
- (7) Pharoah realised that Sarah was Abrahams' wife. (Gen 12:18-19)
- (8) Pharoah sent Abraham and Sarah on their way, including and all their belongings. (Gen12:20)
- (9) Video: 01:16:10 -01:23:25
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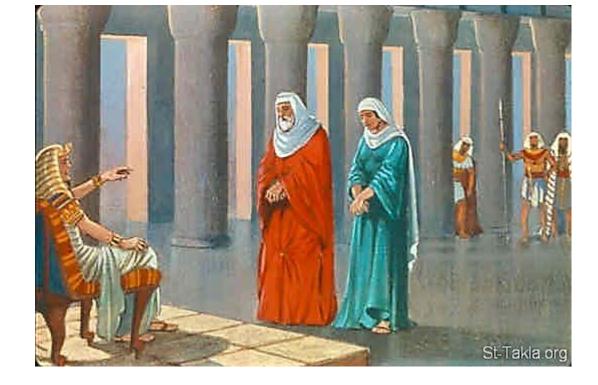
(10) **Recap**:

• Despite Abraham's deceit, God was faithful to Abraham in delivering him out of trouble.

• In order to preserve his own life, Abraham told Sarah to say that he was her brother.

Abraham knew that he would be killed if the Egyptians knew that Abraham

was the husband.



(11) Spiritual Lessons:

- Despite our own weaknesses, God is faithful and has delivered us out of many troubles.
- God does not use mighty man to do His will. He uses ordinary man to do extraordinary task. Ordinary man with the same weaknesses as you and I.
- We share the same weaknesses as Abraham's weaknesses:
 - Fear giving rise to lies
 - Repeated lies
 - Do our own will rather than God's will

God Uses Ordinary People



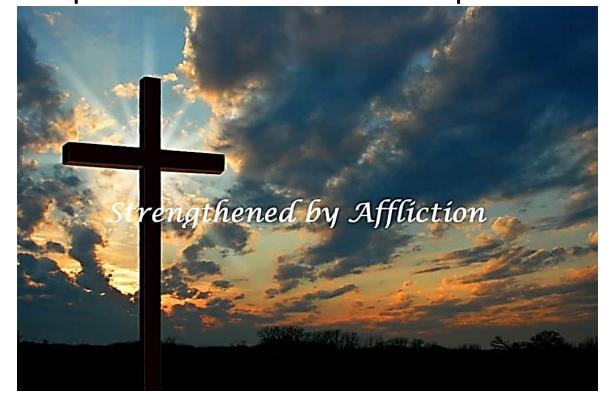
Spiritual Lessons:

• In later years, Abraham learnt to be faithful to the Lord.

• So should we be, through various afflictions, learn to be faithful to the Lord.

Afflictions are not coincidental. They are part of our sanctification process to

be holy and faithful to the Lord.



(12) Reflections:

- The times when we have failed to live up to God's standard.
- Despite our failing, has God been faithful to you?
- How does knowing God's faithfulness spur you in your faith?

(13) Listen meditatively the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"