

# 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.



(Departs age 75)

**Haran**

Modern day  
Turkey

Tigris River

Modern Baghdad

Babylon

**Sumer**

Euphrates River

**Ur**

(Born c1996 B.C.)

Modern day Iraq

Persian Gulf

Mediterranean Sea

Damascus

Shechern

Hebron

(Dies age 175)

Modern day Israel

Zoaan

Red Sea

← Before God's Calling  
← After God's Calling

Source: <https://kzlam36.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/abrahams-journey-map.gif>

(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)

(Source: The Bible Stories, Abraham  
By Lube Production)



(6) God inflicted Pharaoh and his household with serious diseases as a sign to Pharaoh not to take Sarah for himself. (Gen 12:17)

(7) Pharaoh realised that Sarah was Abrahams' wife. (Gen 12:18-19)

(8) Pharaoh 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"