



## Lesson 2: When Your Faith Goes South

### Genesis 12:10-13:4

#### 1. Read Psalm 91:1-16

a. List the things which might motivate a person to replace faith with fear. How would you relate these “Old Testament” fears to our modern day?

- Verse 3a
  
- Verse 3b
  
- Verse 5a
  
- Verse 5b
  
- Verse 6a
  
- Verse 6b

b. What are the greatest temptations to fear that you experience?

c. How do you combat your fears and regain your faith?

d. What does the psalmist suggest as the defense against fear?



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- e. Practically speaking, how do you think Abram could have implemented the principles in verses 1 and 2?
  
- f. Describe a time in your life when you needed God's help (like Abram did in the famine in Canaan), you were tempted to take matters into your own hands, but you decided to stay in the land"- to wait upon God? What was the result?
  
- g. What is the key ingredient in God's character that should motivate us to trust Him in difficult situations? (verse 4b)
  
- h. What does it mean that God is faithful when you are facing an "impossible" situation?
  
- i. How would you relate the metaphor in verse 7 to Abram's situation in Canaan? If he saw people dying all around him from starvation, should he have stood his ground? Why or why not?



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- j. What words does verse 10 use to describe what was facing Abram and his family in the famine?
  
  - k. Verse 10 contains the “then” – the result. What is the “if” that is found in verse 9?
  
  - l. Compare verse 11 with Hebrews 1:13-14. How are the two verses complementary?
  
  - m. What does verse 14 suggest about our responsibility in battling fear?
  
  - n. What promise does God make in verses 15-16 to the person who stands firm in the face of fear?
- 2. Read II Timothy 2:11-13.**
- a. What is the fourth “if” assertion made in this passage? (verse 13)
  
  - b. How did the truth of this passage apply in Abram’s life?



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- c. How encouraging is this verse to you in light of the fact that every Christian fails at some point?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. How does this verse motivate you not to give in to fear?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What has God given every believer as a defense against fear?  
(II Timothy 1:7)