

“THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING”

“THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF CREATION, CORRUPTION AND COVENANT”

PART 28

“WHEN FAITH FALTERS”

“The Steps and Missteps in the Walk of Faith”

(Genesis 12:1-9-13:4)

INTRODUCTION:

“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents...”

—Hebrews 11:8, 9a

- We learned last week that the two symbols of the life of faith for Abraham were the _____ & the _____.
- The pilgrim life is a _____. For we are, at the same time, the most _____ people here and the least _____.
- The pilgrim life is _____. For faith is often _____ by _____. Faith is always _____.

PROBLEM 1: WHAT _____ HERE:

- **THERE IS AN _____ OF _____!**

“Now the Canaanite was then in the land.” (12:6)

PROBLEM 2: WHAT _____ HERE:

- **THERE IS A _____ OF _____!**

“Now there was a famine in the land.” (12:10a)

1B. The Solution to Problem 1 was the _____ of God and the continued faith of Abram expressed in _____.

“The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.” (v. 7)

2B. The Solution to Problem 2 could have been the _____ of God and the continued faith of Abram expressed in _____.

"So Abram built [another] altar, and knelt in worship and cried out to Lord His God for wisdom and provision in the face of this present adversity..." —Hypothetical v.10b)

3B. But instead, Abram's response to Problem 2... _____.

1C. He put _____ at risk.

2C. He put _____ at risk.

3C. He put _____ at risk.

PROBLEM 3: WHAT _____ HERE:

• **THERE IS AN _____ OF _____!**

"...so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there."

1B. The _____ of Abram & the _____ of the Promise (12:10-16)

"See now, I know..."

2B. The _____ of Abram & the _____ of the Promise (12:17-20)

"But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues..."

3B. The _____ of Abram to the _____ of the Promise (13:1-4)

"So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev,... He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

CONCLUSION: