

Uncharted Territory: Abraham's Compromise By Brian Stark, Community and Outreach Pastor

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Genesis 12:10-20 & 20:1-18 (NLT)

The journey of faith requires integrity.

- Compromise often follows <u>victory</u>.
- Compromise involves half-truths.
- Compromise has consequences.

Application:

- Are you spending time in the Truth so you can recognize half-truths and compromise?
- Where have you allowed compromise to come into your life? Confess it, make it right, find accountability.



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Main Thought: The journey of faith requires integrity

Discussion Starter: How would you define a little white lie? Why are they often considered so acceptable?

Sermon Review:

- Look at Genesis 12:1-9 and Genesis 18. What were the events or circumstances occurred before Abraham's compromise?
- What was wrong with what Abraham did when he entered Egypt in Genesis 12:10-13 and Gerar in Genesis 20:1-3
- What consequences did Abraham suffer for his compromise Egypt (Genesis 12:17-20) and Gerar (Genesis 20:8-18). What further consequence do you see in Genesis 26:7-11?

Digging Deeper:

Read Joshua 6:17-19, 7:1, 10-26 and Acts 5:1-11 and discuss the following questions:

- In these two stories, how was integrity lost?
- What might the guilty parties thought they would gain from their compromise?
- What real harm could there have been from their compromise? What was the consequence of their compromise for them?
- Why do you think God dealt so harshly with the compromise in these stories?

Application:

- Are you spending time in the Truth, so you can recognize the half-truths and compromise? How can you hold each other accountable to spending time in the Truth?
- Where have you allowed compromise to come into your life? Confess it, make it right, find accountability.