

### Week 3

**Sermon Series:** Sojourners: Genesis

**Sermon Title:** “When Things Go Wrong”

**Sermon Text:** Genesis 12:10-13:18

**Study Handout Week of:** April 24, 2022

**Group Week of:** May 1, 2022

**Sermon Date:** May 8, 2022

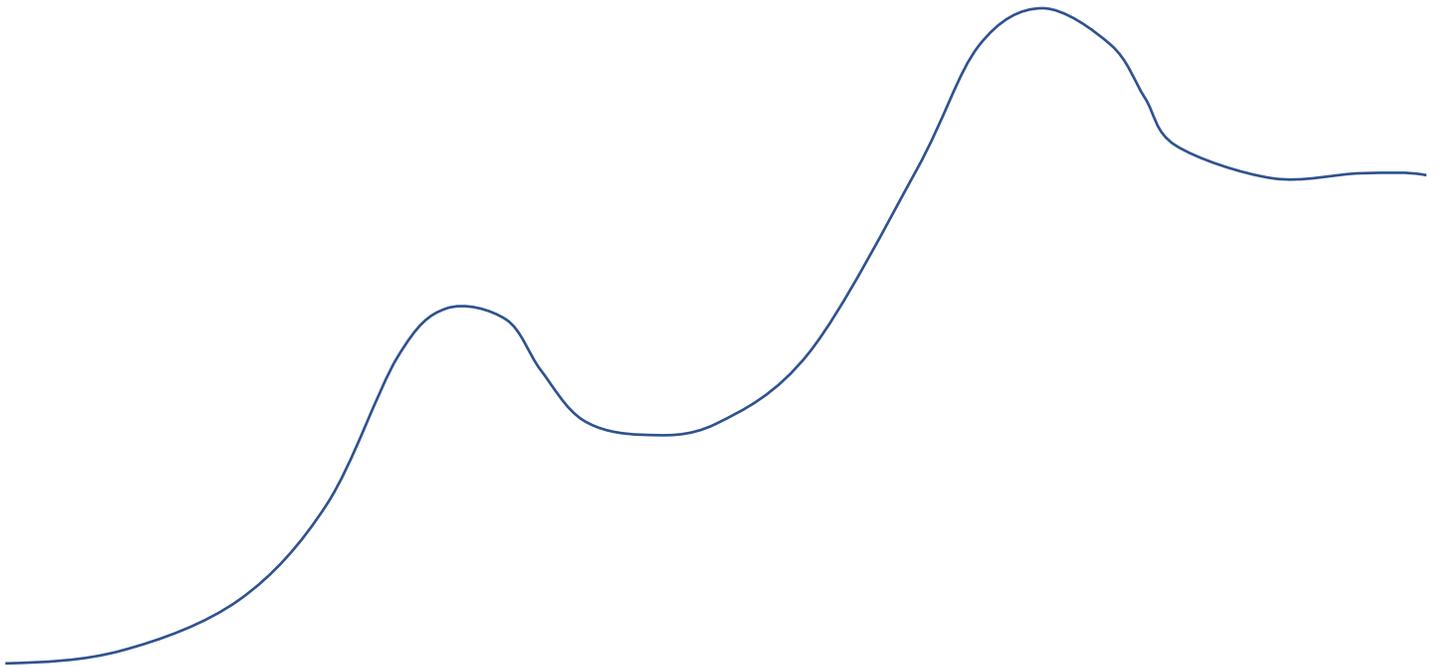
### Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

<b>Day 1</b>	Trust God – Proverbs 3:5-6
<b>Day 2</b>	Living by Faith – 2 Corinthians 5:7
<b>Day 3</b>	Living by Faith – Galatians 2:20
<b>Day 4</b>	Faith – Hebrews 11:1-16
<b>Day 5</b>	Trials – James 1:2-8

## The Text: Genesis 12:10-13:18

### Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the “Story Arc” below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



### Textual Questions

- 1) What is the central message of this passage?
- 2) Why do you think God allows the promise to Abram to be put in jeopardy from famine and from Pharaoh?
- 3) How does the separation of Lot put the promise to Abram in jeopardy?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Have you ever had a hard season in life where you thought, “When this is over, I can finally relax!”, only to have even more difficult problems arise? Share this time in your life and give extra attention to what your walk and attitude towards God was like during that time.
  
- 2) Abram has just made it through a difficult journey to the promised land of Canaan. However, soon after he arrives, a famine drives him out of the land God has just promised him.
  - i. Why do you think God is allowing this famine in Abram’s life?
  
  - ii. In your own story above, why do you think God allowed the new and more difficult challenges to arrive?
  
- 3) Abram feared that Pharaoh would kill him and take Sarai to be his wife if the Pharaoh came to know that they were married (if David would do it, let us not doubt that Pharaoh would do it too!). He also believed he would be treated well if Sarai were only his sister. Therefore, he used a half-truth to protect himself and gain possessions. This is an example of relying on our own wisdom instead of the power of God. Where does the tendency to lean upon your own wisdom, rather than the power of God, show up in your life?
  
- 4) Despite Abram’s fear and lack of trust in God, God protects His promise to Sarai by bringing sickness upon the house of Pharaoh. What does this teach you about God and what He will do to keep His promises? How does this apply to your life in your answer to question 3?
  
- 5) Once they return to the Canaan (between Bethel and Ai), Abram gives Lot the choice to pick the land he wishes to inhabit. Naturally, Lot picks the land that looks pleasing to the eye, even though the inhabitants of the land are evil. Abram is left with the less fertile land. What does this teach you about love and the sovereignty of God?
  
- 6) God does not ask us to walk by faith through gardens of daisies and roses, but rather through famines, hardships, and disappointments. Often, because we expect ease, we fail to trust God in the difficulty. What lessons about trusting God can you apply to your life from the story of Abram this week? As you apply those lessons, ask God to give you greater trust and confidence in His sovereignty. Share your application with the group.