



Week 9: Old Habits Die Hard

Abraham is a perfect picture of imperfect faith. No matter how long we walk with Jesus, there will be times where we falter. But what we learn from Genesis 20 is that God never gives up on us or his plan for our lives. He is faithful even in times when we are not.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss Abraham's journey of faith, highlighting his up and down moments. What has his journey taught us so far about the nature of faith and the character of God? How do these moments reflect your own spiritual journey?
2. Abraham repeats the same sin of selfishness he committed in Genesis 12. He lied about Sarah being his sister twice with no regard for what might happen to her. What do you think was driving his behavior? Is there a particular sin that you find yourself going back to again and again (share as you feel comfortable)? What do you think is driving that behavior and what do you need to believe about God in order to move past it?
3. The homework from this week's message was to identify your besetting sin and confess it. Did you find that time helpful and healing? Explain.
4. Read **1 John 1:9**. What role does confessing our sins to God play in our spiritual journey? If God knows everything, he already knows our sin so why do we need to confess it?
5. Read **James 5:13-16**. What role does confessing our sins to each other play in our spiritual journey? The early church practiced confession often, but this is not a common practice among believers today. Why do you think that is? How can you make this group a safe place to confess your sins and pray for each other in order to find healing?
6. What was still true about Abraham despite his failure? Do you believe that for yourself? Close by reading **Romans 8:1** and pray for strength to overcome sin and embrace freedom.