



How The South Was Fun... Again

Genesis 20:1-18

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1. Have you ever made the same stupid mistake more than once?

Abraham's Mistake (verses 1,2)

1. Abraham's first mistake was...
 - a. Leaving the oaks of Mamre
 - b. Heading south towards the Negeb
 - c. Lying about his relationship with Sarah
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above
2. What should Abraham have done differently?

God's Warning (verses 3-7)

1. Why does God warn Abimelech?
2. Has God ever stepped into your life and kept you from sinning?
3. What does God's warning help you to understand about God?

Abimelech's Response (verses 8-10)

1. What does Abimelech's response show you about his relationship with God?
2. In verses 9-10, Abimelech calls out Abraham. Have you ever been called out like this or have you ever been afraid that you would be called out like this?

Abraham's Answer (verses 11-13)

1. Do you think that Abraham adequately answered Abimelech's question? Why or why not?
2. Based on Abraham's answer, what was Abraham's first step towards failure?
3. How might understanding the answer to the above question help you to avoid sinning?

Abimelech's Generosity (verses 14-16)

1. What does Abimelech's generosity tell you about God?

God's Restoration (verses 17,18)

1. How might God's response to Abraham be an encouragement to you?

Processing all that...

1. Often when we enter a new circumstance of life our old patterns of sin show up and we need to learn again the lessons of faith. God, in His grace, has moved us to new applications of old lessons. How have you seen God do this in your life?
2. Often, when we fall into old patterns of sin it is because the root causes of that sin have not yet been dealt with. How might what we've seen in this chapter help you to let God deal with those deeper root causes of sin in your life?
3. What can you do this week to apply this study to your life?