

TRAIL OF TRIALS

IF THEY COULD MAKE IT,
SO CAN YOU!!

Abraham Lies Again

- **Recap the first time Abram lied about this...**
 - Abram was blessed but still _____.
 - Abram was blessed even though he made a _____.
 - Abram made _____ and believed.
- **Introduction**
 - Three questions to think about:
 - Can I go through a trial when I _____ God's side?
 - Can I go through a trial for doing the _____ thing?
 - Can a trial be meant to _____ me?
- **Text: Genesis 20.**
 - Gerar was a Philistine city. Sarah was 89 years old here. It's been 24 years since the encounter with Pharaoh.
- **Three Lessons:**
 - **There is always a trial waiting _____ the protection of God.**
 - **1 Corinthians 10:13** says "*God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear*". The argument therefore goes like this:
 - Sin is a _____ made out of free will.
 - Sin is a choice made against _____ will.
 - When I sin I am _____ God's will.
 - Outside God's will I shouldn't be expecting God's _____.
 - Sin does not bring blessings. Romans 6:23, James 1:15, 1 John 3:8, **Hebrews 12:1**.
 - **Do what is _____ even if you fear things will get _____ by doing so.**
 - "*I said to myself, there is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife*" (Verse 14). Abraham made two mistakes here. He assumed...
 - Two _____ can make a right.
 - **Abimelech was _____.** "*Lord will you destroy an innocent nation? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands*". **Genesis 20:4-5.**
 - **Application. 1 Peter 3:14** says "*but even if you should suffer for doing what is right you are blessed*".
 - **Sometimes a trial is protection against _____.**
 - **If hard times keeps us from sin, we should _____ God for hard times. 2 Corinthians 12:7** "*So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited*".
- **Conclusion**
 - If you stay with _____, you stay _____.
 - Let us fear _____ more than _____.
 - **Thank God for allowing trials, it keeps you _____ to Him.**