

THE LIFE OF FAITH:

3 Steps Forward; 2 Steps Back

Genesis 20 | Sep 13, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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1. Membership Class (2/2); Sept 20
2. Child Dedication; Sept 20
3. Men's Ministry: Hull's Gulch Hike; Oct 10
4. Women's Ministry: Together at the Table; Oct 14-18
5. Baptism Sunday; Oct 18
6. Fall Festival: Shine Bright; Oct 23
7. One Family (FAM: Adoption Month Celebration); Nov 1

INTRODUCTION:

Read our passage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this message?
- What is the difference between acknowledging that we struggle with sin and using our struggle with sin as an excuse for sin?
- Abraham's fear led him to deception. Over time, that deception became a recurring pattern. How can repeated choices shape our character?
- Abimelech, a pagan king, confronted Abraham and essentially asked, "What have you done?" What does

this teach us about the impact our sin can have on our witness to unbelievers?

- Genesis 26 shows Isaac repeating a pattern similar to his father Abraham's. What does this teach us about the influence our choices can have on the people closest to us?
- Abraham fails, yet God remains faithful to His covenant and intervenes to protect Sarah and His promise. What does this reveal about God's character?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to interrupt a recurring pattern of sin?
- Who is someone you trust enough to invite into your struggle—to pray with you, encourage you, and help you walk in greater faithfulness?
- Finish this sentence: "When I fail, instead of running from Christ, I want to remember that..."

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, people in our body, and for our leaders.

Personal Practical Application: What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?