

# Discussion Guide

Taking Matters into Your Own Hands

April 19, 2026

## **PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.**

This past week we were looking at the beginning of Genesis 12 where God called Abraham, promised to bless him and his descendants, and through them to bless all the nations of the earth. We are still in Genesis 12 this week, where we are reading about how Abram left Shechem when a famine swept through. Abram went to Egypt to avoid it, and while he was there he experienced trouble; but God, through his grace, protected Abram. Our passage from this week helps us to know that, even today, God wants to guide us and protect us. We need to give him the reins to our lives.

- What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?
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## **PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ GENESIS 12:10-20 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.**

- What place has Egypt had throughout the history of Israel? Think of as many stories as you can.
  - What do you think went through Abram's mind before he made his decision to go to Egypt? Before he made his decision concerning Sarah?
  - In what way does God rescue Abram from his difficult situation?
  - How did Abram respond to God's grace? (See Genesis 13:1-4)
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**PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.**

- Share about a time you did something foolish to protect yourself. Why did you make that decision and act that way?
- Do you regularly ask God for guidance in the decisions you make? What does it look like for you to pause and pray during decision making?
- Abram’s faithfulness was a result of his habit of worship. Do your habits align with the faith you are striving for?
- How can this group support one another as we make decisions and trust God with our paths?

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**KEY VERSE:**

Genesis 12:10

There was a famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to stay there for a while because the famine in the land was severe.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- I will seek God’s guidance before making even small decisions.
- I will have the courage to be faithful to God in \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am done taking matters into my own hands and will let God have the reins.
- I will commit to being in Godly fellowship in church, small group, and service.

