

Ministry Report – Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 11:8ff.

B. Abraham was an extraordinary man, but he had some failures.

C. God even took the mistakes of Abraham and made them into something beautiful. (Genesis 12:12)

II. All of Abraham’s mistakes came from his trip to Egypt.

A. Abraham picked up Hagar and wealth in Egypt that became plagues to Israel going forward.

B. Abraham failed because of the fear of man by lying about his wife.

C. Abraham’s impatience resulted in him relying on his slave servant for a child. (Genesis 16)

III. God judged Abraham not on his isolated failures but on the general tenor of his life, which was faith.

A. The obedience of faith. God led Abraham from the known to the unknown. (Genesis 12:1-2)

B. God put Isaac forward as a sacrifice having complete confidence in God believing that he would raise him from the dead. Abraham put God first. (Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:19)

Application questions:

1. Why is it difficult sometimes to believe that God can forgive us for our mistakes?

2. Does God erase the consequences of our mistakes when he forgives us?

3. Why is faith the measuring stick God views us by? How does genuine faith manifest itself?
