

# TESTED

## Part 2: The Test of Calamity

*Genesis 12:6-10 (ESV)*

<sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Abraham immediately faced **two challenges** to his obedience:

- Canaanites in the land = "Too many \_\_\_\_\_"
- Famine in the land = "Too few \_\_\_\_\_"

**What did Abram do?**

**What did that decision cost him?**

He put himself and his wife in \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 12:11-12 (ESV)*

<sup>11</sup> When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, <sup>12</sup> and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Who is affected by my decisions?

He lost his \_\_\_\_\_ before a pagan people.

*Genesis 12:19-20 (ESV)*

<sup>19</sup> Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." <sup>20</sup> And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

What do my choices communicate to unsaved people around me?

He caused long-term damage to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 13:1 (ESV)*

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

**Genesis 13:10-12 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) <sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. <sup>12</sup> Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

Who am I influencing?

How am I influencing them?

He missed a divine opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 12:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

When life gets hard, who do I turn to? In what do I trust?

**What to do when you don't know what to do:**

1. Stop and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Abraham chose wisely in the face of his first barrier: He built an altar to the Lord and prayed and re-focused on the vision (Gen. 12:7). But he chose poorly in the face of the 2<sup>nd</sup> barrier: He left the Land of Promise and went to a perceived land of plenty (Egypt) ... BIG MISTAKE!*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God.

3. Stay \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ of every choice.

5. Don't assume \_\_\_\_\_ signifies you're off course.

6. Remember: If you have to compromise, \_\_\_\_\_!  
\_\_\_\_\_!

**Can I trust God enough to ...**

\_\_\_\_\_ when things go badly?

\_\_\_\_\_ thru trials?

believe that \_\_\_\_\_?