

Today's Teaching:

GENESIS: THE STORY FROM THE BEGINNING Talk 6 ABRAHAM'S STRENGTHS:

- 1. **Responsiveness to God** Gen 12
- 2. Worshipped God- Gen 12
- 3. Generous-Gen 13
- 4. **Courageous, Unhesitating, Brave, Selfless and a Risk-taking, Full of faith leader.** Gen. 14-War of the Kings
- 5. Compassionate- Gen 18
- 6. Assertive and Proactive- Gen 21
- 7. **Faithful-** Gen 22

ABRAHAM'S WEAKNESSES:

#1- SELFISHNESS & FEAR:

Genesis 12:10-20 ESV Genesis 20:1-18 ESV

#2- FAILED LEADERSHIP AT HOME:

Genesis 16:1-16 ESV

Team Talk

- ✓ Put yourself in Sarah's position in Genesis 12:10-20. How do you think she felt personally and about Abram when he told Pharoah that she was his sister? Why is this a failure of manhood on Abram's part?
- ✓ In what areas do you struggle with being selfish and fearful?
- ✓ Now think about what we said about Abram listening to his wife Sarah in Genesis 16. Why do you think he 'caved in' to Sarah in taking Hagar to be a second wife? How could he have negotiated her strong position on doing this differently? In other words, how could he have led in a more God honoring way that would have been better for all involved down to the present day? Why is this such a difficult issue for us?

