



Lesson #2 From Abraham: What Works When Life Doesn't

Text: Genesis 12 – 18

Series: Book of Genesis, #8

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Theme: **Fellowship With God Will Sustain You In Every Circumstance.**

The Special Properties Of Fellowship With God.

1. Vital contact. (12:1-8; 15:1-2.)
2. Trusting obedience. (12:1-8; 13:14-18)

The Sustaining Power Of Fellowship With God.

1. Fellowship with God sustains you in the new, uprooting experiences of life. (12:1-9)
2. Fellowship with God sustains you in the tensions and disappointments of life. (13:1-12)
3. Fellowship with God sustains you when faithfulness to God means saying no to good or attractive things. (14:1 – 15:1)
4. Fellowship with God sustains you when God seems to be slow in fulfilling His promises. (15:2-6; 17:1-8, 15-21; 18:1-15)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. As we looked at Abraham yesterday we considered the subject of “What Works When Life Doesn’t” and the truth that *fellowship with God will sustain you in every circumstance*. Review the outline and your notes on two key factors of fellowship with God. Then plan and review your fellowship with God today with these in mind.

Tuesday. Fellowship with God sustains you in the new, uprooting experiences of life as well as its tensions and disappointments. Review Abraham’s experiences in Genesis 12 & 13. Then turn to your own experiences and list some of your feelings and God’s provisions as well a summary of the quality of your fellowship with God. Let all of this remind you to keep a pattern of vital contact with and trusting obedience in God.

Wednesday. Fellowship with God sustains you when faithfulness means saying no to good or attractive things. Review Abraham’s example in Genesis 14. Make a list of things you declined to think, say or do recently because you wanted to be faithful to God. The list should not be considered a *badge of honor*, but can be an indication of the integration of the faith you profess into the life you lead.

Thursday. Fellowship with God sustains you when God seems to be slow in fulfilling His promises. Abraham was not alone ... we have those times and feeling also. As you look back on some of your experiences (or the perhaps current ones), look for evidence of continued and intensified fellowship with God, as well as His sustaining grace.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we will consider failure, from chapters 12, 16 and 20. Scan these passages and also think about your own failures in preparation.