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“Restoration” (10)

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.” (Malachi 3:6)

The Good Work

Genesis 12:4, 7-8 – (4) “So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (7) 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. (8) 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.”

Man with a Plan

Genesis 12:10-13 – (10) “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. (11) When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, ‘I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, (12) and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. (13) Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.’”

Captivity and Grace

Genesis 12:15-19 – (15) “And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. (16) And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. (17) But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. (18) So Pharaoh called Abram and said, ‘What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? (19) 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.’”

Key Point: Thankfully, God’s Mercy Exceeds Our Folly

Restoration

Genesis 13:1-4 – (1) “So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. (2) Now Abram was very rich in livestock,

in silver, and in gold. (3) And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, (4) to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD.”

To Abraham’s Old Testament Children:

“For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ But you were unwilling,” (Isaiah 30:15)

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!” (Isaiah 31:1)

To Abraham’s New Testament Children:

“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you... Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” (Galatian 3:1a, 3)

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” (Galatians 5:1)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I tend to “trust in the Lord” or “lean on my own understanding” in regards to my life? (Prov. 3:5-6)

Have I placed my security in God and His promises?
(1 Tim. 6:17; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

Have I gotten myself and/or my family into a mess? Do I realize that God is able to help me out of some of my self-inflicted folly?