

**“What Happens in Egypt Stays...”**

Genesis 12:10-13:18

What happens in Egypt (Vegas) stays in Egypt (Vegas)?  
(Gal. 6:6-7; Pro. 6:27-28)

The call of God is changing your foundations. It is possible to think you have changed your foundations into God, but haven't. (Matt. 7:24-27; Heb. 11:10)  
How do you know? The foundation of my faith must be tested.

**THE TRUE TEST OF FAITH IS....**

Genesis 12:10-20

**Not in the good times, but in the bad times.**

- ✓ Good and Godly people fail, so don't deify them.
- ✓ Christians aren't perfect, so don't reject God when they disappoint you.
- ✓ Bad times can both dissect and develop your faith, so let God do His work. (1 Pet. 1:7; James 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-5)

Genesis 13:1-4

**Not in the successes, but in the failures of life.**

- ✓ Do you have a tough time admitting failure? (1 John 1:8-9)
- ✓ When you fail do you demonstrate Godly repentance? (2 Cor. 7:10-11)
- ✓ Do you experience God's forgiveness and move on or do you beat yourself up? (John 3:17; Rom. 8:1; Ps. 103:10-14)

Genesis 13:5-13

**Not in how secure you are, but where your security lies.**

- ✓ Lot chose finances over family and faith.
- ✓ Abram chose faith and family over finances.
- ✓ How do you know where your security lies?  
Answer: What do you quarrel over? (vv7-8)  
(Luke 12:13-21; 1 Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19)

Genesis 13:14-18

**Not in worldly wealth, but in heavenly wealth.**

Verses 15 & 16 “offspring” = “Seed” = Jesus Christ!

Galatians 3:16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

Philip. 3:7-8 I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. [8] Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ. (NLT)

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (NIV)

May 13 (Mother's Day)	<b>“Intervention”</b>	Genesis 14
May 20	<b>“Dealing With Doubt”</b>	Genesis 15
May 27	<b>Youth Weekend!</b>	
June 3	<b>“Religion Bites”</b>	Genesis 16
June 10	<b>“Change Will Do You Good”</b>	Genesis 17



# Growing

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## **desert breeze community church**

**1)** Abram going down to Egypt was his failure to trust God's provision. What happens in Egypt (Vegas) stays in Egypt? How does the Bible refute this statement? (Gal. 6:6-7; Pro. 6:27-28)

**2)** How important is the foundation of a building? How does that parallel the foundation of a person's faith? How do you know if your faith is well founded? (Matt. 7:24-27; Heb.11:10)

**3)** What kind of impression did Abram leave on the King of Egypt? How did God save Abram from himself? How did Abram's trip to Egypt come back later to haunt him? (Gen. 16 see particularly v1)

**4)** Look over the four true tests of faith. Which one(s) are strengths? Which one(s) are growth areas? Explain. How do you need to believe and behave differently to develop your growth areas?

**5)** According to Gal. 3:16 who is ultimately the "offspring" in Genesis 13:14-15? If your faith is fully founded on Christ what will that look like according to Paul in Phil. 3:7-8 & 1:21? Take a few moments and reestablish your foundation in Christ through prayer.