

MOVE FORWARD

The Junk in the Trunk

Genesis 12:9-20

Everyone Faces Famines.

Then Abram set out and continued toward the *Negev*. Now there was a *famine* in the land...
(Ge 12:9–10, NIV)

“Escape Mechanism” - Our **default response** when faced with a crisis.

Everyone Famine Fuels an Escape.

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to *Egypt* to live there for a while because the famine was severe. (Ge 12:10, NIV)

Everyone Escape Contains a Compromise.

As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. *Say you are my sister*, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”
(Ge 12:11–13, NIV)

Examples of Escape Mechanisms - The Junk in Our Trunk

- Spinning the Truth
- Running Away
- Manipulation
- Anger Explosions
- Tears and Martyrdom
- Threats

Whenever we seek to **escape** crises **on our own**,
rather than **work through** them **with the Lord**,
we **compromise** a little bit **more of our faith**.

Every Compromise Jeopardize a Passenger.

When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. And when Pharaoh’s officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and *she was taken* into his palace. He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels. (Ge 12:14-16, NIV)

Every Passenger Has an Impression.

But the LORD *inflicted* serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram’s wife Sarai. So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “*What have you done to me?*” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and *go!*” Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they *sent him on his way*, with his wife and everything he had. (Ge 12:17-20, NIV)

If all people see is the **junk** in our trunk that
keeps us from getting very far on this journey of faith,
the last thing they will want to do is **join** us on that journey!

Are You Ready To Take A Step And Move Forward Today?