

How Does God Make A *Difference Maker*?

Purpose: To show that in order to shape us into a difference maker, God will often lead us into difficult places and circumstances so that we can learn to trust him and to overcome.

We have been considering how one man can make a difference, but the question that I want to look at is how? What does God do to turn a person into a “difference maker?”

The lesson of Egypt - Genesis 12:10 – 13:5

A famine forced him to go to Egypt (v. 10)

Egypt is an ungodly place, and in scripture it is symbolic of the world

[Rev 11:8](#)

And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Why would God send Abram to such a place?

- To learn to trust God
- To overcome the evil one –
 - Jesus was tempted in the wilderness
 - Overcoming is an important theme in the book of Revelation (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21)

What happened to him in Egypt?

- He feared for his life, because of the beauty of his wife (vs. 11, 12)
 - Proof of the nature of the people in this land – they would kill you and take your wife.
- He deceived the princes of Pharaoh –(v. 13 -...*she is my sister...*)
- He almost lost his wife in the process – vs. 14-16)
- He saw God do a great miracle on his behalf – (vs. 17-20)
 - “...I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you..”

What did Abram do after he was sent away from Egypt?

- He went back to the place where he first met with God (13:1-5)
- He called on the name of the LORD once again
- At the end of his adventure in Egypt, God had blessed him

What can we learn from Abram’s experience in Egypt?

1. God often allows us to face difficulties in the world in order to teach us to trust him and to overcome the devil.
 - a. Don’t get discouraged when this happens
2. Sometimes we revert to our old ways when trouble or pressure comes.
 - a. Going back to our old ways can cost us dearly
3. If your heart is right, God will help you to overcome

4. If you get off track, go back to where God first spoke to you and seek him again. He will bless you

Conclusion

Remember this: in order to shape us into a difference maker, God will often lead us into difficult places and circumstances so that we can learn to trust him and to overcome.

Don't be discouraged if tough times come. God is building your faith. Don't give up if under pressure you revert to your old ways or get off track. Go back to where He first spoke to him and seek Him again. He will bless you.