Main Thought  The only way to advance in the school of faith is to take examinations – a faith that can’t be tested can’t be trusted."

**Tested by Circumstances (12:10).**

- **Tests Follow Triumphs:** Abram is tested by a severe famine in the land God told him to live (26:1-3). Rather than trusting God for answers, he ran to Egypt – a symbol of the world (Isa. 31:1). Israel was later tested after being delivered from the Red Sea by no water (Ex. 15:22) or food (Ex. 16:3).

- **Running Away From Problems Won’t Work:** Abram left the land of blessing (Deut. 11:10-11) just like Jonah (Jonah 1:3).

- **Remain Where God Has Put You Until He Tells You To Move:** We are called to persevere under trials (Jam. 1:12). The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you (Phil. 4:1). 1 Thess. 5:18).

**Tested by People (12:11-20).**

**From Trusting to Scheming**

- With no altar in Egypt, he did not consult the Lord (Prov. 3:5-6; Isa. 8:19-20).
- It was true that Sarai was his half sister (20:12) making his statement a half-truth. Isaac would later do the same (26:7).

**From Confidence to Fear**

- He feared man and not God (Prov. 29:25). He should have realized that God would help him (Heb. 13:6).
- He forgot God’s “I wills” (5x – x-3) and focused on “they will” (2x – 12).
- FEAR and FAITH cannot dwell in the same heart (Isa. 12:2).

**From Others to Self**

- He lied so that all would be well “with me” (13).
- He should have thought of his wife first (1 Pet. 3:7).

**From Bringing Blessing to Bringing Judgment**

- Rather than BLESSING to the nations (3), he brought JUDGMENT (17).
- Jonah’s disobedience did the same to his shipmates (Jonah 1:4-8).

**From Disobedience to Obedience**

- God back to where you got off track and start anew (Jonah 3:1).
- No failure is permanent in the school of faith (1 John 1:9).