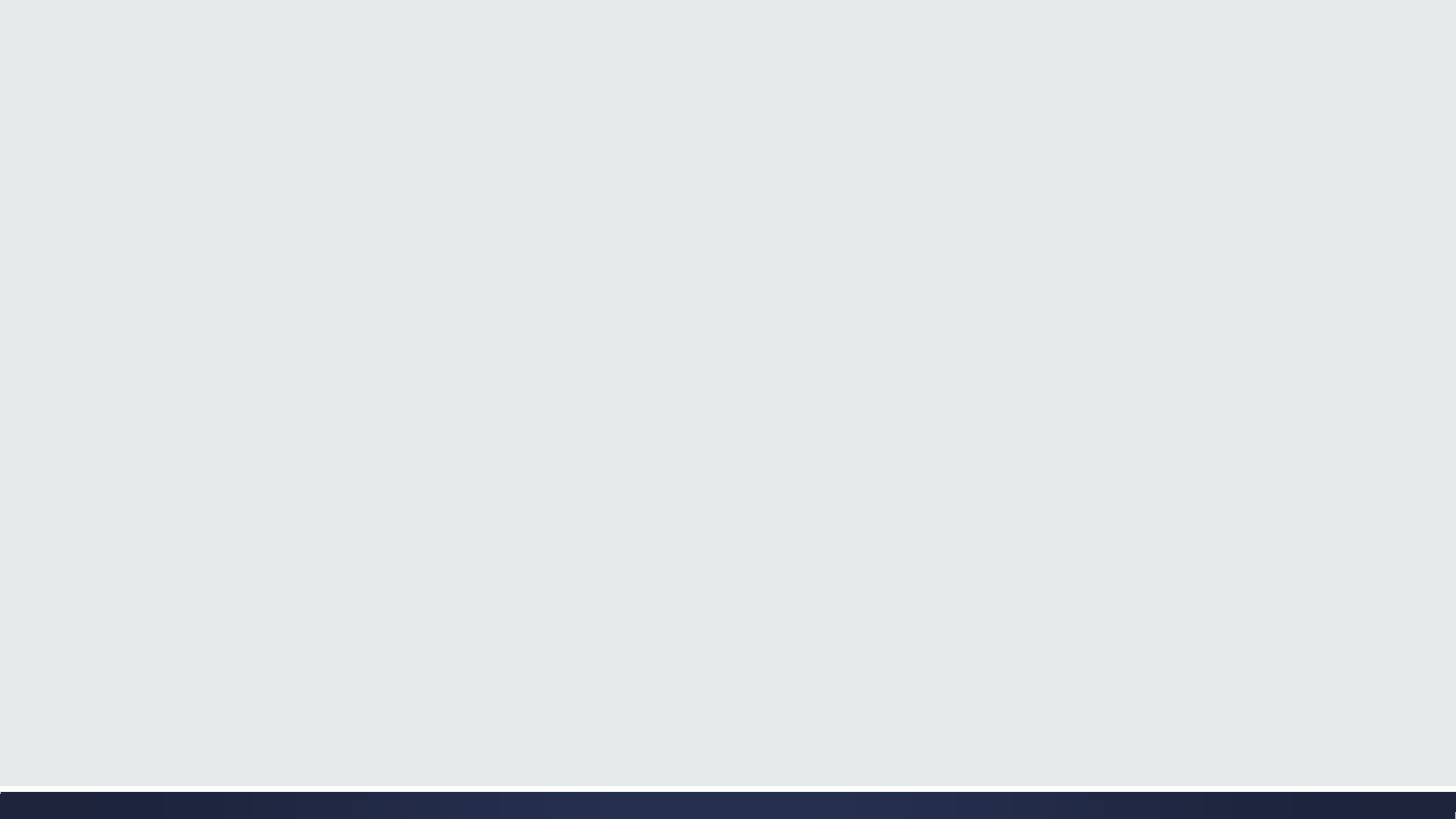




Bad Decisions

Genesis 12:10-20



Genesis 12:10

¹⁰Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Genesis 12:11-12

¹¹When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, “I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹²and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Genesis 12:13

¹³Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake.”

Genesis 12:14-15

¹⁴When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.¹⁵And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

Genesis 12:16

¹⁶And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

Genesis 12:17

¹⁷But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

Genesis 12:18-19

¹⁸So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹Why 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.”

Genesis 12:20

²⁰And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him,
and they sent him away with his wife and all that
he had.

Personal Applications

1. Bad decisions tend to snowball.
2. Seek the Lord when making decisions:

How To Seek the Lord in Your Decisions

- Acknowledge God in all your ways (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Be about prayer (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Study the Scriptures (Psalm 119:105, Romans 12:2)
- Seek wise counsel from mature / spirit led believers (Proverbs 11:14)

How To Seek the Lord in Your Decisions

- Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end... (Proverbs 19:20)
- Wait on the Lord. Don't rush things!!! (Psalm 27:14)
- Ask yourself: Does my decision show a lack of trust for God in any way?

Personal Applications

3. Make seeking the Lord your lifestyle!
4. Thank God for his amazing grace!!!

