

Read Genesis 20:8-18

**8** Early the next morning Abimelech summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid.

**9** Then Abimelech called Abraham in and said, "What have you done to us? How have I wronged you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done."

**10** And Abimelech asked Abraham, "What was your reason for doing this?"

**11** Abraham replied, "I said to myself, 'There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.'

**12** Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife.

**13** And when God had me wander from my father's household, I said to her, 'This is how you can show your love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'

**14** Then Abimelech brought sheep and cattle and male and female slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him.

**15** And Abimelech said, "My land is before you; live wherever you like."

**16** To Sarah he said, "I am giving your brother a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated."

**17** Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his female slaves so they could have children again,

**18** for the LORD had kept all the women in Abimelech's household from conceiving because of Abraham's wife Sarah.

**When Abimelech told his people what had happened, how did they react (v. 8)?** They were scared to death.

**What did Abimelech ask Abraham (v. 9-10)?** What have you done to us? Why did you treat us like this?

**How did Abraham respond (vv. 11-13)?** I knew you didn't believe in God and I was afraid you would kill me to get Sarah. And I really didn't lie – Sarah actually is my step sister.

**What did Abimelech do next (v. 14)?** He gave Abraham lots of animals and slaves and he gave Sarah back to him.

**What did Abimelech tell Abraham (v. 15)?** You can live anywhere you want to in my land.

**What did Abimelech tell Sarah (v. 16)?** I'm giving your husband Abraham a lot of money so he won't hate me for me taking you from him. He felt guilty about what he had done.

**What did Abraham do (v. 17)?** He prayed to God. **What did God do?** Earlier the Lord had been angry at Abimelech and had punished the women in his household so they couldn't have babies (v. 18) But now, He healed Abimelech and all the women so they could have babies again.