



Title: How's Your Trip?

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Synopsis: Most of us have traveled somewhere. Whether for business, pleasure, vacation or family emergency, we have all had to take a trip. Invariably, after the journey is complete, well-intentioned friends or family asks you, "How was your trip?" Typically we respond, "fine."

The more one travels, however, the more those trips are increasingly *not* fine. Flight delays, car rental mix-ups, hotel reservations not held, and long waits in line are often part of the frequent traveler's life. The more one travels, the more frustrating it can be. Some days it seems as though every flight is on time, every reservation is honored and every hotel is clean and ready but on other days, just the opposite is true.

Our journey of faith is like that. Some days we are strong and bold as lions and other days we are weak and timid as mice and we look around and ask, "Where'd that lion go?" We need help! We need an example of what faith looks like. And we have one.

The Bible lists Abraham as a great champion of faith, but his journey didn't start out so well. Trusting in his own wisdom, he leaves the famine-ravaged Canaan for the plush valley of the Nile. He soon discovers the folly of his decision as the beauty of his wife captures the attentions of Pharaohs' officials. Fearing for his life, he lies about his relationship with Sarai, calling her his sister, and she is taken away to be part of Pharaoh's harem. To make matters worse, Abraham gets very wealthy from the whole affair. Hmmm... When Pharaoh finds out, Abraham is ignominiously booted out of Egypt and returns to Canaan.

Come on now, your faith journey can't have started any worse than that! So let me ask you, "How's your trip going?"