10 Then the land became very dry, and it would not rain at all. There was not enough food to eat anywhere in that country. Abram’s group began to starve. The famine was very severe in Canaan. So, Abram went down into Egypt to stay there.

11 Just as they were about to enter Egypt, Abram said to his wife Sarai, “Listen now, I know that you are a very beautiful woman. 12 This is what’s going to happen: When the Egyptian men see you, they will think: ‘This is his WIFE.’ Then they will kill me, but allow you to live! 13 So, please say that you are my SISTER, so that they’ll be kind to me, because of you. They will think that I am your brother. This is how you can save my life.”

14 When Abram’s group came into Egypt, the Egyptian men did notice that Sarai was very beautiful. 15 The princes of Pharaoh saw her and told Pharaoh about her beauty. So, she was taken into the house of Pharaoh. 16 Pharaoh was kind to Abram, because he thought Abram was Sarai’s brother. Abram received flocks of sheep, goats, cattle, male and female donkeys, camels, and male and female slaves. 17 However, because of Sarai (Abram’s wife), the Always-Present One struck Pharaoh and his family with great diseases.

18 Pharaoh called for Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why didn’t you tell me that she is your WIFE!? 19 Why did you say, ‘She is my sister.’? I took her to be my wife! There she is, YOUR wife. Take her now and get out!” 20 Then Pharaoh gave orders to his men about Abram, and they sent away Abram, his wife, and everything he had.