

## ABRAM AND LOT

### I. Genesis 13:1-4: Grace Restored

A. Abram retraces his steps out of Egypt to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Abram renews his commitment to God by \_\_\_\_\_.

*If I think my worth and my lovability is bound up with my moral performance, I will never be able to admit to myself or anyone else how much of a failure I am. If and only if, you know both of these facts will you be able to respond to failures with the humble and joyous confidence of gospel repentance. Only then, will you be able to look your past sins full in the face and "deal" with them. Tim Keller*

**PRINCIPLE: God restores those who choose to confess & reestablish a relationship with Him.**

**APPLICATION: Can I find a spiritual lesson in Abram's story, to apply in my own life?**

**SCRIPTURE TO APPLY WHEN DISCOURAGED BY SIN: Micah 7:8-9: Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light. Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD'S wrath, until he pleads my case and upholds my cause. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness.**

### II. Genesis 13: 5-18: Results of Personal Choices

A. Wealth leads to separation/Land negotiations begin

B. Abram's personality profile

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C. Lot's personality profile

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D. Eternal results of each choice

1. Lot is influenced by Sodom's philosophy

*Lot's selfish ambition put his own wealth and status ahead of God and family; and that was why he was defenseless against the seductions of the city. Tim Keller*

2. Abram enjoys the continued blessing of God.

*God comes to Abram in a new and deeper way. He senses God's love and approval in a heightened way. He becomes aware of God's purposes for him in a clearer way. Tim Keller*

**PRINCIPLE: Faith is measured by step by step obedience to God.**

**APPLICATION: When things get uncomfortable, do you choose to separate or work out differences?**

III. Genesis 14:1-12

A. Genesis 14:1-12: Summary of battles

1. vss.1-3: Fourteen years before Lot's capture, Eastern kings conquered Siddim Valley.
2. vs. 4 The conquered peoples rebelled.
3. vss 5-7 The Eastern kings came back to punish the people of the Dead Sea area.
4. vss. 8-12 There was a battle near the Dead Sea, and Lot was captured.

B. Genesis 13-16: God's watchful care over Lot

1. Lot started out in the plains of Sodom, but the city had drawn him in.
2. Lot was captured with the rest of the town's people.
3. God magnified the power of Abram and his men in rescuing Lot.

*Such a climax shows what was truly at stake in this chapter of international events. The struggle of kings, the far-ranging armies and the spoil of a city are the small-change of the story; the crux is the faith or failure of one man. Derek Kidner*

C. Genesis 14 17-24: Abram continues to make Godly choices.

1. Abram overcame temptation with King of Sodom's offer.
2. Abram tithes to Salem's King Melchizedek.

*Thus Melchizedek is part of the Bible's rich and intricate tapestry, a recurring theme that leads to the principal priest-king, the Lord Jesus Christ. J. A. Motyer*

**PRINCIPLE: Every choice we make results in both temporal and eternal outcomes.**

**PRINCIPLE: Victory is often followed by temptation.**

**APPLICATION: How have choices you've made led to imprisonment of some kind?**

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