

Abraham: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Daily Devotion
for Jan. 20 Sermon
Open Hands | Genesis 13

Read Genesis 13

The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence. While God had richly provided for Abraham* and Lot, there came a time when decisions needed to be made for expanding needs. This exposed the driving ambition of each of these men.

Day 1:
Read Genesis 13:1-7

Abraham, Sarai and Lot were traveling with all the wealth they had accumulated in Egypt. Their journey was approximately 200 miles, and in this portion of their travel their water supply was short. Explain the conflict and identify with a time in your life, family, or work when you were part of an escalating challenge. What guided your responses?

Day 2:
Read Genesis 13:8-13

Abraham and Lot looked over the land rich and abundant. When have you been captivated by the allure of something and made a choice that in hindsight was not wise? How did that experience allow you to see that things are not always as they seem?

Day 3:
Read Genesis 13:14-17

After deciding to stay in the Promised Land, Abraham hears from God again. God outlines his previous promises (Genesis 12:2-3, 7). How is Abraham's message from God similar to or different from his message to us?

Day 4
Read Genesis 14:14-16

Abraham is selflessly rescuing Lot. When have you been able to help someone through consequences of poor decisions? When has someone bailed you out of a poor choice? Is there someone in your life you are in a position to help?

Day 5
Read Proverbs 3:5-6

How can we evaluate the choices that are set before us? When have you resisted the allure of something because you felt that it was not part of God's plan? What did you learn from that situation?

* Abraham's name was Abram before God changed it to Abraham.