

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
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ABRAHAM - TRUSTING THE PROMISE OF GOD IN TIMES OF ENTANGLING FAMILY CRISIS

WARM UP

Share a time when someone did something outstanding, beautiful, and good for other people and you learned they were a followers of Jesus. How did you feel? Why? What about a case when someone identified as a Christian does something selfish and shameful? What is at stake?

1. Read Gen 13:5-14:24 – The Narrative of Lot’s separation from Abram and later rescue by him Where possible match the expressions of Abram’s faith with God’s words of promise below.

ABRAM’S FAITH CHOICES

- a) Was committed to unity of those who claimed to know God over personal prosperity 13:8
- b) Was concerned about the poor testimony before the unbelieving world 13:7b
- c) Willing to sacrifice his legitimate rights to be an unselfish peacemaker 13:9
- d) Displayed courage in risking his life for the rescue of others 14:14-16
- e) Displayed the kind of beautiful character that others would recognize and join with 14:13 and 24
- f) Recognized the power and success of His victory came from God not himself 14:20
- g) Concerned more for the reputation of God than the entangling favor and gifts of men 14:22-23

GOD’S COVENANT PROMISES TO ABRAM GEN 12:1-3 ET AL

- 1) ___ **Land** – Palestine deeded as a possession to him and his descendants
- 2) ___ **Descendants** – personal offspring resulting in a great nation
Five-part Promise of **Blessing** –
- 3) ___ God would bless him and his descendants
- 4) ___ God would bless those who bless him
- 5) ___ God would curse those who curse him.
- 6) ___ God would make his name great (renowned, widely famous).
- 7) ___ God would bless all peoples on earth through him.

Our greatest delight
in a relationship
with God is not what
He provides for us
but God Himself.

BRAD BELL

2. How does the author’s highlighting this section by Abram’s presence at an altar calling on the name of the Lord, (13:4 and 18) give us the essential reason for his victory here and failure in Egypt? Why is the health of our faith so intimately related to spending time with the Lord? What goes on when we are with the Lord that is so core to the life of the child of god?

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Choose a spiritual discipline to refresh your relationship with the Lord. Sit in silence before Him just admiring Him and listening, - read His Word in a different version, practice giving thanks – read a psalm as a prayer - read or pray a hymn - pray with a friend on the phone