

**“Faith, Not Fear” • Genesis 12**  
Mt Lassen Community Church • August 3, 2025

**Intro** • *What was it in your faith journey that propelled your greatest step of maturity—your biggest spiritual growth?*

**Vs 1–2** • Abram returns from Egypt: rich with Pharaoh’s gifts, despite his lies that led to Pharaoh’s suffering!

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**Review** • *Why did God show such favor to Abram, despite his knuckle-headed sin?*

**Vs 3–6** • Abram returns to his land, Lot is with him, and they are both incredibly rich in livestock and servants.

**Vs 6–7** • The prosperity (God-given!) has become a source of conflict and division among their people

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**Discuss** • *How and why does a growing church face the same tensions? What should be done when there is conflict over limited resources? What lessons might God be teaching in this?*

**Vs 8–9** • Abram allows Lot to choose a portion of land first. Abram will take the “leftovers.” There are two big lessons in this:

1 • Don’t stress out about decision making. Trust God! Don’t get stuck in the “paralysis of analysis”!

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2 • Abram is exemplifying what Paul will teach in Philippians 2:3–4  
• *regard others as more important & look out for their interests!*

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**Vs 10–13** • Lot “lifts up his eyes” and chooses... the region of \_\_\_\_\_

It is an attractive region of lush vegetation, like the “Garden of God”—but it *not* a righteous place—the locals are “exceedingly wicked.” And—this isn’t a suitable place for Lot’s herds! They belong out in the open pastures!

Lot has been seduced by the world; the lust of the EYES of flesh!

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**Vs 14–15** • God to Abram: *“lift up your eyes and look around—it is all yours! N.S.E.W.!”* • Abram has chosen *wisely*—and has received the whole nation!

But, this land was given to his *descendants* forever! This reminds us of Abram’s BIG story—no children and a barren wife. But God is teaching Abram: *With God all things are possible. Keep trusting. Keep walking in faith. Keep worshiping. Keep praying.*

**Lesson** • When planning for what God will do at MLCC, we must look with the eyes of FAITH not FLESH! We can make careful plans based on our best calculations—but don’t limit God!

→ *Let’s keep dreaming big. Praying big. Stepping out in big faith. Expecting our BIG GOD to do BIG THINGS. Let’s keep LIFTING UP OUR EYES in faith and seeing what God might have for our assignment in His Kingdom work!*

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*MARK 10:27 • LOOKING AT THEM, JESUS SAID, "WITH PEOPLE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOT WITH GOD; FOR ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD."*

## Today's Sermon – Eyes of Faith, Not Flesh August 10

### Upcoming Events –

**Thursday Bible Study** • Foundations of the Faith:  
The Nature of Jesus pt 2

**Summer Baptism** • 9/7 • Signup now!

**The Forge Workshop** • Sundays 6pm • 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weeks  
(Exception: next meeting is 8/17)

**Church in the Park** • Through Sept. 7 • 9:30am

**Women's Hike: Manzanita Lake** • Sat., August 16  
Leave MLCC at 8:30am

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