

PEOPLE LIKE US

Week 3: May 3
Abraham & Lot

"What If God Gave You Everything You Wanted?"

Scripture

Genesis 12-15, 19

- What is something you wanted badly at one point in life, but later realized it wouldn't have been good for you?
- What is a decision that looked easy or obvious at first, but ended up being more complicated than you expected?
 - What made it more complicated?

Diving IN

- In *Genesis 13*, both Abram and Lot are experiencing blessing and abundance. What problem could that create?
 - What does this show us about how blessings can also become a test?
- Look at Abram's response to the conflict in *Genesis 13:8-9*. What stands out about his posture?
 - What does his response reveal about what he is trusting?
- Look at Lot's decision in *Genesis 13:10-13*. What does Lot notice first?
 - What warning signs does he seem to ignore?
- The sermon described Lot's drift as progressive: he looks toward Sodom, near Sodom, in Sodom, and eventually at the gate of Sodom. Why is spiritual drift often hard to notice while it is happening?
- *Genesis 19:29* says God remembered Abraham and rescued Lot. What does this show us about God's mercy?
 - What does it say about when people make foolish or compromised choices?
- *Romans 8:5-8* says there is a difference between living according to the flesh and living according to the Spirit. How does that passage help explain the difference between Abraham's and Lot's paths?
 - What does setting your mind on the flesh do? What about Spirit?

Living It OUT

- Where are you most tempted to believe that if something looks good, feels right, or seems beneficial, it must be good?
 - How can you slow down and ask, “What is this doing to my heart?”
- The sermon’s big idea was that one of God’s great mercies is not giving us everything we want, but changing our hearts so we want what is *truly good*. Where have you seen that kind of mercy in your own life?
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- Lot’s story warns us that compromise often happens gradually. Is there an area of your life where you may be drifting instead of intentionally walking with God?
 - What would it look like to recognize that early?
 - Discuss the possibility of what could’ve happened if Abraham lived near Sodom, or if someone else recognized it in you?
- Abram chose to trust God’s promise even when he could not see the whole outcome. What is one area where God is inviting you to live by faith rather than by sight?
- *Galatians 5:24-25* teaches that those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh and should *keep in step with the Spirit*. What is one desire, habit, or instinct you need the Spirit to reshape in you?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to choose what forms your heart, not just what benefits your life?

Lifting it UP

- Praise God for His mercy in not *always* giving us what we want!
- Ask God to reveal any places where your desires are disordered or your heart is drifting.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would reshape your desires so that you want what is truly good (and from Him).
- Pray for the courage to walk by faith, even when the easier path looks more appealing.