ABRAHAM: Growing Strong in Faith
A Growing Faith Creates Great Character
Genesis 14
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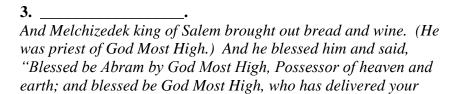

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE:

vv. 1-7

vv. 8-12

vv. 13-16

vv. 17-20

vv. 21-24

GREAT CHARACTER LOOKS LIKE:

1. _____ **love.**

When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men… (v. 14)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience… (Colossians 3:12)

Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. (Proverbs 24:11)

2. _____ **to take action.**

…he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. (vv. 14-15)

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28:1)

3. _____.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" (vv. 18-20)
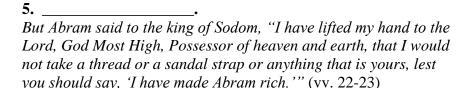
When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you…" (John 17:1)

4. _____ in worship.

Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people…And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (vv. 16, 20)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

5. _____.

But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'" (vv. 22-23)

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. (Psalm 26:1-3)

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Legend:
1. Unselfish love.
2. Courage to take action.
3. Humility.
4. Generous in worship.
5. Integrity.