



Series: Beyond Babel week 2

Sermon Title: Trusting God's Guidance For Your Family's Future

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Abram went from being a man who was willing to lie about his wife being his sister rather than his wife to being a man who was willing to trust God with his family's future, possessions, and more through one single decision and the fruit of that decision.

Are you willing to trust God with your family's future?

Today, we'll examine this through three separate questions...:

1. What life-altering decision is before you?

Genesis 13:1-7

This is a really pivotal moment in Abram and Lot's life. Their riches have grown to the point that they can no longer live by one another. At this moment, Abram has many herdsmen who look to him for security, and a wife is counting on him to make the right decision. The voice of God reminds him that generations are meant to come from him.

Leading up to this moment, Abram has been spending time with God. Circumstances like this carry a weight that's hard to communicate and require wisdom that's beyond our own. **Proverbs 2:6**

One of the greatest foundations for informing your decisions is looking back to where God has already shown you his faithful provision and guidance. And trusting that he'll do the same again. **Proverbs 2:4**

2. How is God's faithfulness informing your direction?

Genesis 13:8-13

Abram takes the initiative and strives for unity in his family over domination. He also gives Lot what might seem like control over the whole future of his family as he says, "If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right"... So what does Lot do? Lot chose the Jordan Valley because, visually, it had the greatest resources and lush lands.

It appeared that Abram had come to have faith in God's provisions even in this circumstance. Previously, Abram believed he needed to protect himself from Pharaoh in order to stay on the path God had called him to and, most importantly, to avoid death. What we saw was God provided for Abram and protected him, even in his brokenness. Abram remembered God's faithfulness and knew that no matter what Lot chose, God was the one who would work it out for good.

Through God's common grace, even to the unbeliever and his crucifixion and resurrection, we all have experienced the faithfulness of God. You see, even in your brokenness, Jesus died for you so that you would not perish but have eternal life; how much more will he do for you in your pursuit of His plan for your life rather than your own.

How is God's faithfulness informing your decisions in this next season of your family's life. If you trust God with your eternal life... Then trust him with your family's earthly life.

What blessings is God lifting your eyes to see?

Genesis 13:14-18

After Abram gets left with the land Lot didn't choose, God meets him and speaks with him. He lifts up his eyes, not to see the world as Lot did, but to see it through the lens of God's promise. That generations will come from him beyond that of which he'll ever be able to count. The land will be beyond what he could ever afford and fill on his own. How much hope do you think filled his heart when he was reminded of God's promises and faithfulness.

A person who has the promise of God's provision does not have to cling to things. In this passage we've seen two options to live by. To either do as Lot did and allow what you see to be the sole basis for how you make decisions for your family... or trust God's promises and allow his promises to be your foundation.

Over the next few weeks, we'll see God continue to unfold his promises to Abram. Here are God's promises over you.

Philippians 4:19

Romans 8:38-39: 38

Psalms 32:8

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Why do you think Abram allowed Lot to choose his portion of land?**
- **Are there any areas regarding your family's future where you are not fully trusting God? What needs to happen for you to fully trust Him?**
- **Describe a time in your life when God had proven His faithfulness?**
- **What blessings are around you that you often take for granted? What blessings is God revealing to you?**