

A Journey of Faith

(Part 2 – The Choices of Faith)

Text: Genesis 13:1-18

Main Idea: Faith in God & His promises is revealed in the choices of our lives.

1. **Choice # 1: Faith chooses _____ over _____. (v. 5-9)**
 - Faith believes that conflict resolution is a _____! (Matt 5:23-24, Eph 4:3)
 - Faith approaches conflict with _____!
 - Faith is willing to _____ to personal rights & put _____ first! (Phil 2:3-11)
 - Faith ultimately _____ God for the outcome!
2. **Choice # 2: Faith chooses _____ over _____! (v. 10-13)**
 - Don't let the pleasures of _____ overtake you.
 - Don't let the principle of _____ rule in you.
 - Don't let the participation with _____ change you.
3. **Choice # 3: Faith chooses the _____ over the _____. (v. 14-17)**
4. **Choice # 4: Faith chooses _____ with the Lord over the world's approval. (v. 18)**

Application Questions:

1. Both Abram & Lot were very wealthy. Riches can be a blessing but also a curse. How did Abram's faith enable him to use his riches for the glory of God and the good of others (family)? How did Abram guard against letting his riches **rule him** and do damage to his relationship with family? How hard is it to put relationships before personal rights?
2. Strife is inevitable among family members. What 2 motivations governed Abram to resolve the conflict between him and his nephew Lot (v. 7b & 8b)? Is there anyone in your family that continues to create strife? How can you exercise faith in those relationships?
3. Lot was driven by greed and it ruined his life. What choices did Lot make that indicate he was greedy (v. 10-13)? What signs might help you to determine whether or not you are greedy? Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What principles does Paul give every Christian?
4. Lot's decision to move toward Sodom may have been innocent at first, though doubtful. But later he would actually be living in Sodom (14:12) & would become an official (19:1). These decisions were horribly devastating to his family. What lessons of wisdom can you gather from his mistakes for your own decision-making?
5. How does believing in the eternal promises of God truly affect the choices we make in life? What choices have you made that indicate your faith or lack of faith? If you have made poor choices in your life with significant & devastating consequences, what should you do today to reverse those?
(See 1 John 1:9)