

A Journey of Faith

(Part 3 – Faith & the Fallen)

Text: Genesis 14

Main Idea: Along the journey of faith, those who are spiritually mature *must* be willing by the power of God’s grace to rescue the fallen!

1. The _____ of the fallen: Worldly choices lead to worldly captivity! (v. 1-12)

- It began with poor _____: Lot was tempted by what he saw in the world. (13:10-13)
- It progressed with poor _____: Lot began to associate with the world. (14:12)
- It ultimately led to poor _____: Lot was captured by the world. (14:1-11)

2. The _____ for the rescue: Send out the Rescue Team! (v. 13-16)

- Rescue requires spiritual _____.
- Rescue requires _____!
- Rescue requires urgency & _____!
- Rescue requires strategy & _____: Firm but gentleness! (Gal 6:1, James 5:19-20)

3. The _____ behind the success: God Most High! (17-24)

- God is the one alone who _____! (17-19)
- God is the one alone who _____! (20)
- God is the one alone who deserves the _____! (21-24)

Application Questions:

1. Think through the progression of how Lot ended up captured by the world. What was the difference between Abram and Lot in relation to their wealth & worldly possessions? Why was it ok for Abram to be rich, but disastrous for Lot to *seek* these things out?
2. 1 John 2:15-16 says that we are not to love the world or anything in the world. Are there any material possessions that have captivated your heart?
3. It is one thing to “befriend” the world in order to evangelize them. But it is another thing to be *closely associated* with the godless & wicked world. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. Like Lot, have you begun “dwelling in Sodom?” By faith in God are you being called to break off any relationship that has proven to be spiritually harmful? How important is fellowship with other believers? If you have children, what lessons can be gleaned about Lot’s demise and choosing the wrong associates? (Consider: “Birds of a feather flock together”)
4. Do you know anyone who needs to be rescued (from sin – either a fallen believer or an unbeliever who needs to be saved)? Are you willing to be trained so that you can be a part of God’s rescue team who are seeking to save the lost & restore the fallen? What are your reservations and are they legitimate? Why are you hesitant to go your fallen brother?
5. Consider how Abram is a prefigured Christ. Just as Abram rescued Lot, so Christ has rescued sinners from their sin. Jesus was not obligated but *out of love* came into the world to save sinners. Have you personally experienced the rescuing of your soul by Jesus? (Read Rom 10:9-10, 1 Tim 1:15)
6. Consider what Melchizedek said & did to Abram in v. 17-24. What 3 things did this mysterious King from Salem & Abram attribute to “God Most High?” Why do you think God blessed Abram in this way? Why did Abram give a tenth to this King?