



DAILY DEVOTIONS



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

GENESIS 13:1-13

Lot was looking for greener pastures, but "The grass isn't always greener on the other side." He chose the best land, but he didn't choose the best people. He left Abram and surrounded himself with those who were "sinning immensely against the Lord" (13:13). This decision would have bad consequences for Lot and his whole family. We may not see the danger of our choices right away, but choosing sin and selfishness will always backfire. When you choose your friends, you are, to some degree, choosing your future. Think through your major choices carefully and be wise in your relationships.

WHAT IS A TIME WHEN YOUR SELFISHNESS BACKFIRED?

HOW CAN YOU IMITATE ABRAM'S SELFLESSNESS?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS THIS WEEK?

DAY 03

GENESIS 13:14-18

DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO GET THE BEST (SEAT, SLICE OF PIZZA, CLOTHES, ETC.)?

HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME A SPIRIT OF COMPETITION AND COMPARISON?

WHAT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO LET GO OF IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD INHERIT EVERYTHING IN THE FUTURE?

Abram let Lot have the first pick of the land. But God promised Abram that he would possess the whole land. Later, Paul preached the application of God's promise to Abraham, saying his children would inherit the world. (Rom. 4:13) Jesus said in the Beatitudes - "Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5) We don't have to get everything in the present. We don't have to be first, because "whoever comes first will be last, and whoever comes last will be first." (Matt. 20:16) "The things that are yours now are things that will pass away, but the things that are yours and will last are things that will last." (1 Cor. 7:31)

DAY 03

GENESIS 14:1-16

Lot's decision to move toward Sodom put him in danger. Sodom rebelled against a powerful king who came with other allies to reclaim Sodom. In the process, Lot was taken captive. But Abram was deeply committed to Lot. He risked his life to rescue Lot from captivity. Our sinful choices lead to bondage. But Jesus came to rescue us. He paid the ultimate price to set us free. Live in that freedom today.

WHAT ARE SOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR SIN?

HOW MIGHT SIN HAVE YOU IN BONDAGE?

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS WEEK TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF CHRIST?

