

"Abram's faith was again tested by trial (Gen 13:2-7). While Abram failed the early tests in Egypt, he acted selflessly later, allowing Lot to choose the best area of land. The pairing of these two stories develops a fuller picture of Abram's faith journey: He had both successes and failures when attempting to follow God's will. Together, these stories teach us that although our faith might not be perfect, God's continued faithfulness to us is."

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"And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left (Genesis 13:8-9)."

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"Abram believed God's Word that He would take care of him no matter what the immediate sacrifice might be, and would ultimately give him the land which He had promised to him. This was the triumph of Abram's faith."

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"May the Lord teach us from the lesson of Abram to have more charity, to be willing to be the least, and for conscience's sake to take loss if need be, in order that the Lord Jesus may truly be exalted; "for none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Romans 14:7)."

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"When God called Abram, He did not show him where he was going at all. Abram was supposed to go in faith, without sight. God speaks to us and expects us to believe Him upon the testimony of His word without any additional evidence, if need be, except the hearing of faith"

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"The Lord expects the believer to walk by faith and the promises of God alone. This is what makes Abraham the great example of faith; for we are told of him in Hebrews 11:8:

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

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"Abram heard God's word, believed it and acted upon it. Lot wanted to see instead. We read of him that he "lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan ... Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan." God's Word says to us, "incline thine ear and hear," but Lot closed his ears, and opened his eyes instead. This was the great mistake in the life of Lot"

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"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food ... she took of the fruit thereof.

Until the time when Eve saw the fruit of the tree, she had successfully resisted Satan; but when she saw, when Satan's attack came through the eye, she fell. We know the tragic result."

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"In this present age of illustrations, images and pictures—still and moving, good and bad—the events just cited should make us ponder seriously. Can we not link the rapid decline in morals, the awful increase in crime and murder and violence, to the tremendous emphasis placed on pictures and the appeal to the eye, instead of to the ear of man"

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"He says to Lot, in effect, "Lot, I am willing to be the least; I am willing to take the loss if need be, I will let you take the very best; You may take your choice." Now Abram had every right in the world to demand just exactly the opposite. He had been called to Canaan, not Lot. God had given the land to Abram, not to his nephew. God had made His covenant with Abram, and not with Lot who had come along as a hanger-on. Abram was the eldest of the two, and could expect Lot to recognize this important fact. Yet Abram did nothing of the kind. Instead, he did the very opposite."

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