

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

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GENESIS 14:1-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. With the land being crowded, Abram gave Lot a choice:
 - a) **GENESIS 13.11:** *“Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan”*
 - b) **GENESIS 13:12:** *“Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.”*
2. The choices they made determined their future.
 - a) Lot lived in the land of perversion. (Gen. 13.13)
 - b) Abram lived in the land of promise. (Gen. 13.14-18)
3. We know Abram to be a man of great faith. In Genesis 14, we see Abram as a great warrior.

I. SETTING THE SCENE

- A. There is a battle between kings.
 1. **GENESIS 14.3:** *“All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).”* Nine kings went to battle, five against four. (cf. Gen. 14.9)
 - a) Four kings on one side of the battle. (Gen. 14.1; cf. 10.10; 11.1,2; 10.22)
 - b) Five kings on the other side of the battle. (Gen. 14.2)
 2. **GENESIS 14.4:** *“Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.”* Literally, they paid taxes to the Chedorlaomer.
 3. **GENESIS 14.5-7:** On the warpath, the four kings attacked numerous cities.
 4. **GENESIS 14.8-12:** Who won the battle of the kings?
- B. The spoils of war.
 1. **GENESIS 14.11:** *“They took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah”*
 2. **GENESIS 14.12:** *“They also took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.”* (cf. Gen. 13.5)

II. SAVING HIS NEPHEW

- A. The feelings of Abram. (Gen. 14.13,14)
 1. In spite of the consequences of Lot’s choices, Abram went to his rescue.
 - a) **GENESIS 14.13,14:** *“Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive”*
 - b) *“went in pursuit as far as Dan.”* The northern most part of Israel. (1Sam. 3.20)
 2. We are rescued by Jesus from our bad choices.
 - a) The love of God was unconditional. (Rom. 5.6,7)
 - b) The love of God was sacrificial. (Rom. 5.8-10)
 3. **1 JOHN 4.11:** *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”*
- B. The faith of Abram. (Gen. 14.15-24)
 1. Against incredible odds, Abram went after the kings.
 - a) **GENESIS 14.15:** *“He divided his forces against them”* What was the size of Abram’s army vs the armies of the kings? (Gen. 14.14)
 - b) **GENESIS 14.16,17:** *“So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.”*
 2. Why was Abram successful against these armies? (Gen. 14.18-20)
 3. We are rescued when we put our faith in the One who can save. (Rom. 5.1)
 4. **1 JOHN 5.4:** *“This is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith”*