

After fleeing from Canaan to Egypt in an effort to avoid a famine, Abram finds himself in another predicament with his wife, Sarai, and Pharaoh. God, in His faithfulness, frees Abram and establishes him with great provisions. In chapter 13 Abram returns to where he was in the land of Canaan, but with great wealth, now facing another kind of trouble within his family.

## Genesis 13:1-18

# Abram

# and Lot

# Separate

### I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

**MY EXPERIENCE...**

**YOUR EXPERIENCE...**

Trials and tribulation can take on all kinds of various flavors in life.

Sometimes we face personal struggles, other times it's situational trials, and then there are those within our family, amidst the tightest of relationships. While none are easy, it certainly seems that those struggles we face within our families are often the most painful.

### II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

**HOW** would you describe your relationship with those within your nuclear family?

**WHEN** you face disagreements or conflict of varying kinds, is it easier or more difficult to deal with those inside your family? Why?

**HOW** do you tend to typically handle conflict in general? **DO** you tend to avoid it, or move toward it?

**EXPLAIN** the role of grace and forgiveness when you experience conflict and the resolution of it.

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## Abram and Lot Separate

# Read Genesis 13:1-18

### OBSERVATION

What is different about Abram's situation in vs. 2 as he enters the land compared to 12:10 when he left it?

What dilemma do Abram and Lot face as they enter the land this second time (vs. 5-6)?

According to vs. 7, what did this dilemma arise between Abram and Lot's men?

How did Abram resolve the situation (vs. 8-9)?

What portion of Land did Lot request and why (vs. 10-11)?

Who else inhabited this area and how are they described (vs. 13)?

As the chapter concludes, what does God remind Abram of?

### INTERPRETATION

According to the covenant God spoke to Abram in 12:1-3, what part does He begin to fulfill in this section, despite Abram's unfaithful actions?

What is the cause of strife in vs. 2-7? What other options did Abram have in responding to this situation?

Why do you think Abram handled things with his nephew the way he did? How does God call us to handle these things in a similar way? Consider Romans 12:14-18, Philippians 2:5-8.

Contrast Abram's response to Lot's. What appears to be Lot's motivation to choose the land he does?

What is the spiritual connection in the appearance of the Jordan Valley and the reality of what was going on there? Consider 1 Samuel 16:7.

What ultimately happens to the land and people in which Lot chooses to live? See Genesis 19 for context.

What does God remind Abram of in vs. 14-17 and how does Abram mark this moment in order to remember it (vs. 18)?

### APPLICATION

How well do you remember and receive God's promises He's give to you? How well do you live them out in a way that graciously serves those around you?