

3. Genesis 13 teaches: **When I Entrust Myself to God** I can treat others with humility and meekness.

In the culture of the day, Abraham had complete control of this situation and could have dictated what Lot and his household was to do or where to go. However, Abraham shows great humility and meekness as he allows Lot to choose what land to claim. Abraham was willing to entrust himself to God's care rather than to his legal rights.

Where had much of Abraham's and Lot's possessions come from?

What was Abraham's motivation for seeking a solution to the conflict?

What was the result of Lot's decision?

What was the result of Abraham's?

What area of life could you entrust more fully to God?

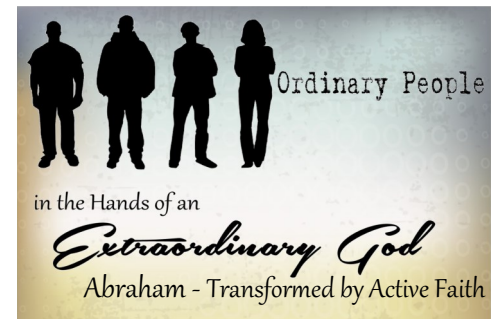
4. Genesis 14 gives us the story of Abraham rescuing Lot. We learn: **When I recognize God's Hand on my Life** I am led to deeper praise and worship.

From a human perspective, who is responsible for Abraham's victory and rescue of Lot?

Who does Abraham credit for the victory? (verse 19-23)

Take a few moments to reflect on your life at this moment.

Is there something or someone you should give God thanks and praise for as a gift from His hand?



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SERMON NOTES:

Abraham is called, "The Friend of God (Isa. 41:8; James 2:23) and "The Father of the Faithful" (Rom. 4:11; Gal. 3:6-7) Yet when we are introduced to him in Genesis 11 he is a pagan worshipper of false gods living in the city of Ur. Genesis 12-22 chronicles his spiritual journey. As you read these stories you will discover how "Active Faith" transforms our lives.

We will discover:

- 1) Our Partial Understanding can lead us to hesitate – Gen. 11:27-12:9
- 2) When Under Pressure we tend to make impulsive decisions – Gen.12:10-20; 20:1-18
- 3) When I Entrust Myself to God I can treat others with humility and meekness – Gen. 13:1-18
- 4) When I recognize God's Hand on my Life I am led to deeper praise and worship – Gen. 14
- 5) When I take my Doubts to God I will receive His encouragement and assurance – Gen. 15
- 6) Delayed Answers from God often lead me to making my own 'Plan B' – Gen. 16; 17:1-8
- 7) Prayerfully Seeking God Over Time leads me into intimacy and closeness with God – Gen. 18; 21

Whether in the midst of success or failure; positive experiences or difficult challenges; in the midst of God's answer or in the waiting room, **Active Faith seeks to draw us closer to God as we grow our trust in Him.**
