



What Lot Saw
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

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[Genesis 13:1-7] ESV

So, Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb. Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

[Genesis 13:8-9] ESV

Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left."

MAIN IDEA: The decisions you are making today, will create the world you and your family live in tomorrow.

[Genesis 13:10] ESV

And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

[Proverbs 14:12]

"There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end leads to his destruction".

How do I interrogate the “ways” of my heart?**1. Go back to Bethel****[Genesis 13:3-4] ESV**

And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

[Genesis 13:11-13] ESV

So, Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus, they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

2. Analyze your humanity**[Matthew 4:1-11] ESV**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

[Genesis 13:14-18] ESV

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." So, Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

3. Make decision from FAITH, rather than CLARITY**Key Points:**

1. **Go back to Bethel**
2. **Analyze your humanity**
3. **Make decisions from Faith, rather than CLARITY**

Applications for the Week:

God doesn't always give full clarity before asking us to step out in faith. What's one area where you're currently "waiting" for clarity? What would it look like to "walk" in faith even without all the answers this week?

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** What specific action did Abram take upon returning to the Negeb, and where did he go?
- 2.** How did Lot make his decision about which land to choose, and what details did the text highlight about the Jordan Valley?
- 3.** What did God instruct Abram to do after Lot separated from him, and what did God promise?
- 4.** Why might the author of Genesis emphasize that Abram returned to the place where he had first built an altar and called on the Lord?
- 5.** Lot's choice seemed rational from a human perspective—well-watered land for his flocks. Why did this decision lead to such devastating consequences?
- 6.** God told Abram to "walk through the length and breadth of the land" even though He had already promised to give it to him. What might be the significance of this instruction?
- 7.** Returning to places of spiritual encounter helps calibrate our desires and decisions. Where are your "Bethel" places—where you've clearly heard God's voice or experienced His presence? How can you intentionally return there when facing decisions?
- 8.** How do you currently involve prayer, Scripture, and community as "bumpers" in your decision-making? Is one of these areas weaker than the others? What's one practical step to strengthen it this week?