



THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH  
**POWERFUL GOD. POWERFUL PROMISES**  
GENESIS 14

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1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_

2. Trust \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_

4. Give \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 14 (ESV)

1 In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, 2 these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). 3 And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). 4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, 6 and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. 7 Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar. 8 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim 9 with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. 10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. 11 So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12 They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way. 13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. 14 When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. 16 Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people. 17 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) 19 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. 21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' 24 I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13.** In what ways might the powerful truths of these verses bring calm and rest to your soul in a turbulent world? In what ways might these truths inspire you to action?
2. **Read James 1:2-5.** How should the invincible nature of God's promises help you obey the commands in these verses? What are some of the trials God may be using to grow your faith right now?
3. **Read Hebrews 5:9-10 & 7:25.** Why is it important to remember that God is the source of our salvation and not our own efforts? Why are you thankful that we have a great and effective high priest as an intermediary between us and God?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:33.** What are some of the worldly influences you may have to avoid in your life? What are some ways you might be tempted to compromise in order to earn the blessing of the world?
5. **Read Genesis 14:19-20.** How should the reality that God Most High is the "possessor of heaven and earth" affect how you view your possessions? In what ways should this make you more generous?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Alcorn, Randy. *The Treasure Principle*. Multnomah, 2001.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.

Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. InterVarsity Press, 1993.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise a sovereign God who keeps his promises!

Pray that God would continue to strengthen our faith in him.

Pray for ongoing fruit for our high school students from their Winter Weekend.

Pray for our middle school students as they head up to Winter Weekend next weekend.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/12	Leviticus 1-4	Mark 2
2/13	Leviticus 5-7	Mark 3
2/14	Leviticus 8-10	Mark 4
2/15	Leviticus 11-13	Mark 5
2/16	Leviticus 14-15	Mark 6
2/17	Leviticus 16-18	Mark 7