



THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH
FOLLOWING FAILURE WITH THE VICTORY OF FAITH
GENESIS 13

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1. Strengthen _____
(vv. 1-4)

Genesis 13 (ESV)

13 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 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, 4 to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the LORD.

5 And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, 6 so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, 7 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.

8 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. 9 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."

10 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.) 11 So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

14 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, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 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. 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." 18 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.

2. Show _____
(vv. 5-9)

3. See _____
(vv. 10-13)

4. Support _____
(vv. 14-18)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Revelation 2:4-5.** When in your life have you seen your love for Christ and faith in God at their strongest? What did you do in those seasons to fuel that love and faith and how does that compare to what you are doing now?
- 2. Read Ephesians 1:3.** As you think through some of the hard situations or circumstances in your life, how should the incredible reality of this verse affect the way you view these difficulties?
- 3. Read Philippians 2:1-4.** As you think through some of the conflict or potential conflict in your life, what are some ways you can prioritize the needs and desires of others? How can you potentially sacrifice to benefit them?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:18 & 5:7.** In what ways might you be tempted to focus on the temporal things you can see versus the eternal things you cannot see?
- 5. Read Psalm 119:41-42.** Why is it so important to make sure our faith is based on God's Word and a right interpretation of the promises contained in Scripture? What are some ways you might be tempted to trust an idea that is not actually biblical?

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.

Blakey, Ben. "Revival from the Bible." Compass Classroom Intensive Class. <https://www.revivalfromthebible.com/thetraining>. 2023.

Jones, Robert D. *Pursuing Peace*. Crossway, 2012.

Sande, Ken. *The Peacemaker*. Baker Books, 2004.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would continually strengthen our faith as we study Abraham's life in Genesis.

Pray that God would help us to be sacrificial and not short-sighted in conflict.

Pray for our high school students and their Winter Weekend retreat this week.

Pray for Bona Demo's body to accept her recent kidney transplant so the Demos can return to Albania.

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
2/5	Exodus 27-29	Matthew 26:1-35
2/6	Exodus 30-31	Matthew 26:36-75
2/7	Exodus 32-33	Matthew 27:1-31
2/8	Exodus 34-35	Matthew 27:32-66
2/9	Exodus 36-38	Matthew 28
2/10	Exodus 39-40	Matthew 25