

Sermon: “*Lot’s Lot Not A Lot*”

Text: Genesis Chapter 13 (page 9 in the pew Bible)



Romans 3:28 “We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”

II Corinthians 5:7 “We *live by faith* not by sight.”

Romans 4:16 “He (Abraham) is the father of *us all*.”

The New Testament directs us to look to the life of Abraham to understand what it means to live by faith in Christ

I. Faith’s foundations, Genesis 12: 1-9

“We live by faith in Christ when...”

1. We live in obedience to His revealed will.

Genesis 12:1 and 4 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.... 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him,”

2. We worship Him.

Genesis 12:7 So he built there an altar to the LORD,

3. We live like foreigners in this world now, who expect to arrive at and live in our homeland later. (Hebrews 11:9-10; 13-14)

II. Faith’s failures, Summary Genesis 12:10-20

“We live by faith in Christ when...”

4. We expect at least occasional trials, difficulties, and hardship to be a part of ordinary Christian experience. Genesis 12:10 “Now there was a famine in the land,...”

5. We seek Him for His direction and trust Him for His provision. (Abraham didn’t)

6. We tell the truth in any and all circumstances . (Abraham didn’t)

7. We understand that our decisions affect others and not just us alone. (Abraham didn’t)

III. Faith’s fortitude, Genesis chapter 13

“We live by faith in Christ when...”

8. We know our desire for obedience will not always succeed.

9. In spite of our sins and failures - we get back up and return to following after God.

Genesis 13:3-4 “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.

10. We put others interests ahead of our own.

Genesis 13:9 “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.”

11. We listen to the promises of God even when we have heard those same promises before.

Genesis 13:15 “For all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.”

Implied in Genesis 12:1 and stated in Genesis 12:7