

**SERIES TITLE: CHOICES**

**PART 3: Love or Blessings?**

**TEXT: GENESIS 14**

**INTRODUCTION.**

As we continue studying through Genesis, we are introduced to a major character in the Old Testament, Abraham. After ten generations of silence, God speaks and gives incredible promises to this man. The choices that Abram makes are instructive for us. By his example we can learn what it means to live by faith. We can also discover how the wrong choices impact God's will for our lives.

**DISCUSSION.**

Which of the following would you find most painful and why?

- People pay you a lot of attention, but only because you have money or influence.
- You are ignored by people because you don't have much money or influence.

**EXAMINATION.**

- Vv.1-9 What is this war about?
- Vv.10-12 What does this reveal about the choices Lot has continued to make?
- Vv.13-16 Was it right for Abram to get involved? Why or why not?
- Vv.17-24 Why does Abram reject what the King of Sodom offers?
- Based upon what happens in this text, how would you describe Melchizedek's faith and character?

**APPLICATION.**

- Consider Hebrews 6:19-7:28, and list the ways Jesus is compared to Melchizedek. Why does this matter to us?
- How common do you think it is for people to pray, worship, give, or serve in the hope of receiving something from God?
- How and why is that a problematic approach?
- What do you think of the following statement? God is looking for a people who love him more than his blessings.

- In what way can we say that God has already given us the victory, even if nothing good is happening in our lives right now?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?