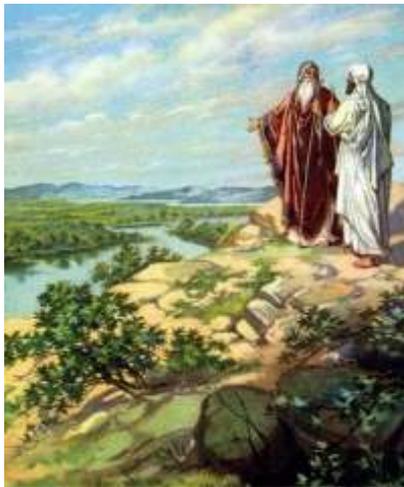


So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company:

Genesis 13:1-11 (NIV)



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## If It Ain't One Thing, It's Another



**OPEN:**  
(2 minutes)

1. Are you looking forward to anything in the near future?

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**DIG:**  
(20 minutes) 

**Read Genesis 13:1-11**

2. Who was Abram? Who was Lot?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Why did strife arise between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What did Abram propose as a matter of ending the strife?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What did Lot choose?

 **REFLECT:**  
(20 minutes minimum)

6. What blessings can God bring through our troubles?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why is it unwise to put our hope and trust in material possessions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Why is unity important among the children of God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why is it important to seek God's guidance in life choices?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. For what, and how does trouble prepare us?