

Old Testament Bible Journey Questions

Genesis 13-17



Genesis 13

1. Why might Abram have chosen to let Lot pick first, and what does this reveal about his character and faith in God in contrast to Lot's decision-making?
2. What seems to drive Lot's decision-making? Do you sense a bit of greed in his choice?

Genesis 14

1. How does Lot's earlier choice come back to 'bite him'?
2. As you read verses 17-24, notice the different responses of the godly King Melchizedek and the ungodly King of Sodom as well as Abram's response to each.

Genesis 15

1. What is Abram's question/concern in verse 2 and how does God answer?
2. What is Abram's question/concern in verse 8 and how does God answer?

Genesis 16

1. What does Sarai and Abram's decision to have a child through Hagar reveal about their faith and struggles? How does the narrative portray the consequences of trying to fulfill God's promise through human effort?
2. How does God's response to Hagar demonstrate His compassion and how does her response demonstrate her faith in God?

Genesis 17

1. What is the significance of God changing Abram's and Sarai's names?
 - Abram means 'exalted father'. Abraham means 'father of a multitude'?
 - Sarai and Sarah both mean 'princess.' The change is tied to verse 16. She will be the mother of nations and kings.
2. What is the significance of circumcision as the sign of this covenant, and why might God choose a physical, permanent mark rather than a verbal or ritual sign alone?

Weekend Questions

1. What did you discover about God?
2. What is one application for your life from this week's readings?