Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“Letting God Choose”

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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Introduction:

A. Every day we are faced with all kinds of ___________; some big and some small.
B. The consequences of the choices we make can lead to marvelous ___________ or painful ___________.
C. I hope we can learn from Abraham and Lot how best to follow after God in the choices and ___________ of life.

I. The Story

A. Genesis 13:1-4
   1. Much of Abraham’s wealth had come from ___________.
   2. Abraham arrived back at the place where he’d been on ________.
B. Genesis 13:5
   1. When Abraham prospered in Egypt, Lot ____________ as well.
   2. So far, Lot had _____ caused any problems for Abraham, but that was about to __________.
C. Genesis 13:6-7
   1. ____________ often brings its own challenges.
   2. All the necessary elements for a family ____________ were brewing.
D. Genesis 13:8-9
   1. Abraham began by emphasizing that their ___________ was most important.
   2. Abraham didn’t pull ________, but treated Lot as an __________, and put Lot in charge of his own ________.
   3. In giving Lot first choice of the land, Abraham ___________ that God would take care of him.
E. Genesis 13:10-13
   1. Lot’s selection of the most fertile territory reveals his true ____________.
   2. Lot should have graciously _________ the first choice to Abraham.
   3. Lot should not have taken the ________ land.
F. Genesis 13:14-18
   1. After Lot left, God graciously made another appearance to Abraham and gave him reassurance by ___________ the promise.

II. The Application

JJ. Abraham and Lot represent two different perspectives for making ____________.
   1. Lot represents thinking and planning in a ________-dimensional way.
   2. Abraham represents thinking and planning in a ________-dimensional way.
B. Four principles to help us consider the ____________ dimension in our decisions.
   1. Don’t be blinded by the ____________ benefits.
   2. Don’t underestimate the impact of ____________ consequences
   3. Seek ____________ from the Lord and godly people
   4. Important Question: Will this decision enhance my relationship with _____?

Conclusion:

A. ____________ is great, but___________ is better (Prov. 3:5-6; Matt. 6:31-33).