

Call of Abram/Abram & Lot

Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-18



The Story

God promises to support and bless those who love and trust in him. Today we will learn about a man who put his faith and trust in the Lord. His name was Abram.

Abram was a man who believed in the Lord. He lived in Ur. He lived with his wife Sarai and nephew Lot. Abram and Sarai had no children.

The land where Abram lived had many people who worshiped idols. The idols were made out of wood or stone.

One day the Lord came to talk to Abram. The Lord said, "Leave your home in Ur and go to a land that I will show you. I will bless you and make your name great. I will make your family the size of a great nation."

Abram did not know anything about the land the Lord wanted him to live in, but he listened to the Lord. Abram believed the Lord's promises. He knew that the Lord would keep His Word.

Abram gathered everything that he owned, his wife, and Lot. He left Ur and the rest of his family for the land the Lord promised to him.

Abram traveled for many days and came to the land of Canaan. The Lord came to Abram and said, "This is the land I will give to you and your family." Abram believed the Lord and built an altar to worship Him.

The Lord blessed Abram with

many sheep, cows, and camels. Abram also had silver and gold. Lot also had many sheep, cows, and camels. Abram and Lot had so many animals that sometimes it was hard to find enough food and water for the animals. Many times Abram's shepherds and Lot's shepherds would argue for the best land for the animals.

Abram heard about the arguing. He talked to Lot and said, "We should not argue about pasture for our sheep, cows, and camels. I have a plan. Look at all of the land before you. You choose the place where you want to live. I will take my shepherds and animals in the opposite direction."

Lot chose the best land near the Jordan River for himself. There was plenty of pasture and water for his animals. Lot's decision to take the best land was not wise. He lived near the city of Sodom. The people who lived in Sodom were very wicked.

Abram took the land that Lot did not choose. The land Abram lived on did not look like the best, but the Lord blessed Abram. The Lord came to Abram and said, "I will give all the land that you see to you and your family. The people in your family will be so many that no one will be able to count them."

Abram believed the Lord's promise and he built an altar to worship the Lord.

Activity One

- Discuss the following questions.

1. What promises did the Lord make to Abram?
2. What happened between Abram's and Lot's shepherds?
3. What was Abram's plan?
4. In whom did Abram put his love and trust?

Activity Two

- Put the following events of the story in order. Place the numbers 1-5 in the blanks before the sentences to show the correct order.

- _____ Lot chose the land near the Jordan River.
- _____ The Lord told Abram to leave his home and go to a new land.
- _____ Abram's shepherds and Lot's shepherds were arguing.
- _____ Abram gathered everything that he owned and left Ur.
- _____ Abram came up with a plan.

Activity Three

- Read the passage below and answer the question.

Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance. 'And he went out...'"

How did Abram show that he trusted in the Lord?

*God's hand in Abram's life led him to
earthly and eternal treasures.*

*God's hand supports and saves those who put their
faith and trust in Him.*

Passage

Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance.
And he went out."

Matthew 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me."

Hymn - TLH 428, v. 1, 4

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for taking care of Abram in his new home. Help me to remember that you promise to take care of me, too. Amen.