

Going into Battle
Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 3
Life Church St. Louis – July 1, 2018
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

John 10:10 (ESV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

1 Corinthians 10:11 (ESV) Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

1. Stay away from _____

Genesis 14:8-9 (ESV) Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five.

1A. Evil will be _____

Genesis 14:10-11 (ESV) Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way.

1B. You will be _____

Genesis 14:12 (ESV) They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

2. God gives _____

Genesis 14:13 (ESV) Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram.

2A. _____ the captives

Genesis 14:14 (ESV) When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

2B. _____ is impossible with God

Genesis 14:15-16 (ESV) And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

3. Receive God's _____

Genesis 14:18-20a (ESV) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

3A. _____ back to God

Genesis 14:20b (ESV) And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

3B. Don't seek _____

Genesis 14:21-23 (ESV) And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
 - Invite a friend for our series **Abraham: Hearing God's Call** next Sunday.
 - How will I obey God's Word this week? _____
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Going into Battle Study Guide

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Intro. In what ways is Satan behind the conflicts in our world (John 10:10)?

How is Ephesians 6:12 important in our understanding of spiritual warfare?

What is the purpose of Old Testaments stories (1 Corinthians 10:11, 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Why did Lot move near to Sodom (Genesis 13:10-13)?

1A. What is Satan's purpose in instigating war between pagan nations (Genesis 14:8-9)?

1B. Why do you think that the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah were defeated (Genesis 14:10-11)?

1C. How had Lot's choices led to his capture (Genesis 14:12)?

1D. In what ways are we tempted to live near to sin in our society? What are the dangers of living close to sin?

2A. How was God involved in Abram learning of Lot's capture (Genesis 14:13)?

2B. How was faith required for Abram to pursue the four king confederation (Genesis 14:14)?

2C. In what ways was Abram's victory a miracle from God (Genesis 14:15-16)?

2D. How does God call us to rescue people who have become captives of sin?

3A. What does the God worshipper Melchizedek tell us about God revealing Himself to unlikely people (Genesis 14:18-20a)? Why did Melchizedek bless Abram (Hebrews 7)?

3B. Why did Abram give a tithe of the plunder to Melchizedek (Genesis 14:20b)?

3C. Why did Abram refuse to take plunder from the king of Sodom (Genesis 14:21-23)?

3D. How do Abram's actions give us an example to follow when we are blessed by God?