

Big Idea: My life is the sum total of My Choices

Genesis 13 - 14

**LOOK AT THEM:****I make bad choices when I base them on Selfish Sight**

"Now Lot, who was traveling with Abram, was also very wealthy with sheep, cattle, and many tents. But the land could not support both Abram and Lot with all their flocks and herds living so close together... So an argument broke out between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot... Abram talked it over with Lot. "This arguing between our herdsmen has got to stop," he said. "After all, we are close relatives! I'll tell you what we'll do. Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we will separate... If you want that area over there, then I'll stay here. If you want to stay in this area, then I'll move on to another place." Lot took a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley in the direction of Zoar... So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan... Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom... the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD" genesis13/1>13

**I make bad choices when I base them on Subtle Sin**

"Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom, among the cities of the plain. The people of this area were unusually wicked and sinned greatly against the LORD." genesis13/12>13nlt

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers." psalm1/1

**LOOK AT ME: Four questions to ask to help make good choices:****Where does God fit in to the equation?**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" proverbs3/5>6

**Where will this choice Lead Me?**

psalm1/1

**Will this raise God's Reputation?**

"walk in the light of your presence... rejoice all day long in your wonderful reputation" psalm89/15>16nlt

**Will this reflect my love for God and Others?**

which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, " `You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: `Love your neighbor as yourself.'" matthew22/36>39nlt