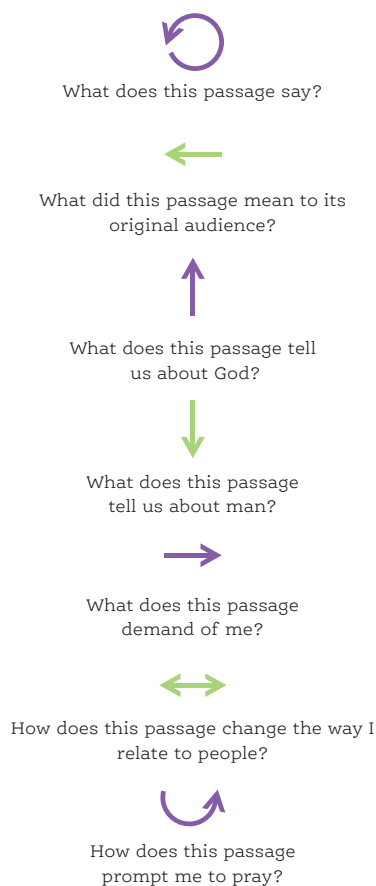


DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



DAY 01

GENESIS 13:1-13

Lot was looking for greener pastures, but “The grass isn’t always greener on the other side.” He chose the best land, but he didn’t choose the best people. He left Abram and surrounded himself with those who were “sinning immensely against the Lord” (13:13). This decision would have bad consequences for Lot and his whole family. We may not see the danger of our choices right away, but choosing sin and selfishness will always backfire. When you choose your friends, you are, to some degree, choosing your future. Think through your major choices carefully and be wise in your relationships.

WHAT IS A TIME WHEN YOUR SELFISHNESS BACKFIRED?

HOW CAN YOU IMITATE ABRAM’S SELFLESSNESS?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS THIS WEEK?

DAY 02

GENESIS 13:14-18

DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO GET THE BEST
(SEAT, SLICE OF PIZZA, CLOTHES, ETC.)?

HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME A SPIRIT
OF COMPETITION AND COMPARISON?

WHAT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO
LET GO OF IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD
INHERIT EVERYTHING IN THE FUTURE?

Abram let Lot have the first pick of the land. But God promised Abram that he would possess the whole land. Later, Paul broadened the application of God's promise to Abraham, saying his children would "inherit the world" (Rom. 4:13). Jesus said in the Beatitudes—"Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). We don't have to get everything in the present. We don't have to be first, because we know our inheritance is safe and secure in God (1 Pet. 1:4). "Everything is yours... the world or life or death or things present or things to come—everything is yours, and you belong to Christ" (1 Cor. 3:22-23).

DAY 03

GENESIS 14:1-16

Lot's decision to move toward Sodom put him in danger. Sodom rebelled against a powerful king who came with other allies to reclaim Sodom. In the process, Lot was taken captive. But Abram was deeply committed to Lot. He risked his life to rescue Lot from captivity. Our sinful choices lead to bondage. But Jesus came to rescue us. He paid the ultimate price to set us free. Live in that freedom today.

WHAT ARE SOME UNINTENDED
CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR SIN?

HOW MIGHT SIN HAVE YOU IN BONDAGE?

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS WEEK TO LIVE
IN THE FREEDOM OF CHRIST?

DAY 04

GENESIS 14:17-24

HOW CAN YOU HAVE A MORE
GENEROUS HEART?

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT COME
BETWEEN YOU AND GOD?

WHAT MIGHT GOD WANT YOU TO GIVE
UP FOR HIM?

One way that we can worship God is through generosity. Abram responded to God's blessing by giving a tenth of everything he had. When the king of Sodom offered him all the possessions that had been regained through the battle victory, Abram refused. In both cases, Abram demonstrated faith in God and a godly relationship with possessions. Our possessions can often keep us from God because we love them too much. But here, Abram showed us how to use our possessions to show our love for God.

DAY 05

HEBREWS 7:1-10

Melchizedek points us to Jesus. They are both priest-kings. Melchizedek's genealogy and death are not recorded in Genesis like most characters' were. So, he resembles Jesus in many ways as a kind of eternal priest-king. He blessed Abraham, and Abraham gave generously to him in return. If Melchizedek points to Jesus, then Abraham represents the people of God. Like Abraham, we should give ourselves and our resources to the one who has blessed us—Jesus Christ.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN USE
YOUR RESOURCES FOR GOD?

HOW MIGHT YOU BE USING YOUR
RESOURCES IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT
HONOR GOD?

HOW CAN YOU WORSHIP JESUS MORE
TODAY?