

Walk Through the Bible

GENESIS 12-13

OVERVIEW

Genesis chapter 12 carries on the story to Abram and his journey into the land of Canaan. God promises to make Abram the father of a great nation, and to give his descendants that very land. Abram begins to worship the Lord, but soon after he falters in his faith in the land of Egypt. God shows Himself faithful in a miraculous way, preparing Abram for what was to come.

Genesis 13 takes place back in Canaan. A land dispute between the herdsmen of Abram and the herdsmen of his nephew Lot, forces the two to split up their belongings and part ways. Lot chooses the best land for his herds, but it puts him living near the wicked city of Sodom. God reaffirms and expands on His promises to Abram, who settles near Hebron, and builds another altar to the Lord and worships God there.

DISCUSSION

- After the death of his brother, Haran, Abram stepped up to build a legacy for his brother's name; however, God called Abram to have a great name (**Genesis 12:1-3**). What was the central tension of Abram's life?
- Although Abram knew very little about God, he was obedient to follow God's call. What was the first thing Abram did when he arrived in the land (**Genesis 12:7-8**)?
- Abram's lie in Egypt would have ramifications in his family, even until this day (**Genesis 12:10-20**). What does this tell you about the seriousness of sin?
- There was a series of steps that led to the situation in which Lot ultimately found himself (**Genesis 13:1-13**). So, what did Lot do wrong?
- Abram found out that "you don't lose when you choose God." What did God promise Abram for choosing Him (**Genesis 13:14-18**)?

