



“Valuables”

What means a Lot to you!
Genesis 13:5-11

Our values are what :

I. Separates - “which went with Abram” (vs. 5-6)

We experience distance by our:

- A. Location** – “the land was not able to bear them”
- B. Loot** – “their substance was great”
- C. Lifestyle** – “flocks, herds, and tents. .could not dwell”

II. Stirs – “ And Abram said...I pray thee” (vs. 7-9)

We exercise discipline in our :

- A. Leadership** - “Let there be no strife”
- B. Love** - “for we be brethren”
- C. Liberty** - “Is not the whole land before thee? ”

III. Solicits - “Then Lot chose him all” (vs. 10-11)

We expel danger by discounting :

- A. Looks** – “Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld”
II Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 11:10
- B. Leisure** – “it was well watered everywhere ”
- C. Luxury** – “as the garden of the Lord... all the plain”

Sentence Sermon:

“Our Values will impact Our future because they will separate, stir, and solicit us.”

Additional Verses

- **II Peter 2:7-8**
- **James 1:13-15**
- **Genesis 19:1-29**
- **Exodus 17:1-7**
- **Psalms 95:8-11**
- **II Corinthians 5:7, 20**
- **Hebrews 11:8-10; 12:14**
- **Romans 12:18**
- **Luke 22:26**
- **I Corinthians 11:16**
- **Matthew 5:39-40**

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What is a proper view of wealth? Was there anything wrong with the wealth of Abram and Lot?
- 2. Why did God list “tents” as part of Lot’s wealth?
- 3. Why did the two estates have to be separated so drastically?
- 4. Was Lot’s choice wrong? What are some descriptive terms that would describe his choice?
- 5. Why was Abram that magnanimous?
- 6. What is the significance of each of the five places named in verse 10?

**There is a lot of foreshadowing in this text...
Looking to the future and connecting the
present attitudes, decisions, and actions to
what will happen in the future.**

**If we get anything out of today's
text...Let us be conscious of the future we are
building today.**

V. 5

- And Lot also = notice it does not say “called upon the name of the Lord” ...It talks of his great physical wealth
- Which went with Abram = emphasis on Abram and this being his journey and his promise he had received from the Lord...Abram was top dog
- Had flocks, herds, and tents = physical things...great wealth....TENTS ??? -= possibly drawing attention to where he places his family
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V. 6

- And the land was not able to bear them = two reasons 1) the Canaanites were great in the land 2) Abram and Lot were wealthy in livestock

- That they might dwell together = they wanted to remain close to their relatives but not possible to do
- Their substance was great = they had acquired wealth
- They could not dwell together = it was a physical impossibility

V. 7

- And there was strife = “rib” claim and counter claim ...later used for legal disputes = lawsuits
- Between the herdsmen = the caretakers of the herds were struggling to have access to the water and the good pasture....logistically aggravating.
- And the Canaanite and Perizzite dwelled then in the land = There were many other herds in the land...they were the newcomers and had to fight over the scraps....Illustration of chicken at the DeVille home.

V. 8

- And Abram said to Lot = the older, more mature addresses the problem...when there is conflict...who will step up and be the mature one or

the “hero” as Dr. Phil says that every conflict needs a hero...and the person who steps up to meet the challenge and resolves the conflict is the hero.

- Let there be no strife = no “meribah” striving ...reminiscent to what as said about the children of Israel complaining of no water and Moses striking the rock.
- I pray thee = I urge or desire of you
- For we are brethren = the relationship was more important than the land or any possession.

V. 9

- Is not the whole land before thee = There are a lot of options available
- Separate thyself = physically remove yourself from this situation
- If thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right = Abram was magnanimously agreeing to allow Lot to have his way and he would take the left overs.

V. 10

- And Lot lifted up his eyes = he looked around
- And beheld = he examined closely
- V. 11 he chose = committed to

○ Notice the interesting comparison to James 1:13-15

- Well watered everywhere = even as the garden of the Lord -- = This was a perfect place by all appearance
- Before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah = A dark warning of the coming trouble...a lesson in decision making with only the temporary things in mind...this kind of thing will be short lived.

V. 11

- Then = after looking at the plain of Jordan
- Lot chose him = Lot started his downfall by 1) choosing 13:11 2) pitching tent toward Sodom 13:12 3) dwelt in Sodom 14:12 4) Sat at the gate of Sodom (leader) 19:1
- All the plain of Jordan = He did not share well...He wanted it all...do you know some people that want it all???? Wanting it all could be a dangerous dynamic that has contributed to the deterioration of the American family and society....they call it Self actualization but I call it Self glorification and destructive selfishness.
- Lot journeyed east = remember east is the direction normally associated with leaving the presence of God.

- And they separated themselves = strife ceased between them and opportunity for peace and growth.
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- *“Our Values will impact our future because they will separate, stir, and solicit us .”*

Lot forfeited :

- > ***Blessing***
- > ***Family***
- > ***Integrity***

It happened in Europe several years ago. A massive collision and derailment of two trains. Torn, lifeless bodies were everywhere. It was a grim scene that greeted the rescue workers on that cold morning. It was evident from the start that there would be few survivors if any at all. The rescuers worked on tirelessly with the bent steel and soft flesh trying to save as many as possible.

As they worked on during the day, it seemed as if one frozen picture captured the entire feeling of the mishap. A young mother's lifeless body had shielded her small three year old daughter. Somehow, the young child's body had missed death because the mother had wrapped her own body around that of her child. As the rescuers worked, they pulled the small girl from the arms of her dead mother. Amazingly, the small child did not cry or even whimper upon the separation from her mother.

They took the tiny child to the hospital for X rays and found that there were only a few minor scrapes and bruises. The little girl endured all of the tests and examinations of the physicians without any agitation. It was then that the doctors began to notice a tiny balled up fist. The child was apparently holding something. Perhaps, it was something that could assist them with identifying the child. They began to attempt to coax the little girl into opening her hand but all to no avail. Finally, after understanding that the child was not going to open her hand, they pried the little fingers away from an object. The child immediately began to scream and cry. She had not cried when the rescuers took her from her dead mother's arms. Nor had she cried in the back of the ambulance. She had not even cried during the battery of her tests. But when she lost her small piece of penny candy her little life was shattered.