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Topic: **The Life of Abraham (part 2) - Our Choices Matter!**

Scripture Text: Genesis 13: 1-18

1. Abram and Lot made 2 different choices and there are consequences to each choice. Abram made a godly choice while Lot made a carnal and worldly choice. First, to make a godly and right choice, we must be a believer. Both Abram and Lot were believers but a believer like Lot can also be drawn into the world to make wrong choices. For unbelievers, the choice will never be for God as they do not have spiritual discernment.

2. Abram and Lot were rich in material possessions. They received their riches in Egypt through Pharaoh when God intervened to prevent him from having Sarai, Abram's wife. God was merciful to Abram despite him telling a lie that Sarai was his sister.

3. In Genesis chapter 13, the herdmen of Abram and Lot could not dwell together as there was strife. Abram made a godly decision to part ways to prevent further strife. He was also humble to allow Lot to choose first the place he wanted to go though Abram was the uncle and should decide first. Abram knew the place they lived in was dangerous and he would not be too far away from Lot, his nephew.

4. Lot's decision was based on what his physical eyes could see. He wanted a land that is thriving for his flocks so he could be richer and more powerful. His choice was to pitch his tent towards the wicked city of Sodom. Gradually he found himself entering that wicked city and then becoming a leader in that city which God eventually destroyed.

5. Lot's tragic choice had dire consequences when God destroyed Sodom. His wife turned into a pillar of salt as she turned back to look at the city and his 2 daughters committed incest with him. As for Abram who made a godly and right choice, the Lord was with him and encouraged him. God will honour those who honour him.