

Pastor Dave's

Family Sabbath

**Family Sabbath: Faith to Give In
February 6, 2010**

Pray and ask God to reveal truth to you in His Word by His Spirit.

Genesis 13:5-18 (New King James Version)

⁵ Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. ⁷ And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. ⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we *are* brethren. ⁹ *Is* not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If *you take* the left, then I will go to the right; or if *you go* to the right, then I will go to the left."

¹⁰ And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. ¹¹ Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. ¹² Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tent even as far as Sodom. ¹³ But the men of Sodom *were* exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.

¹⁴ And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶ And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then* your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷ Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." ¹⁸ Then Abram moved *his* tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which *are* in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

1. Do you feel your living space is too crowded? Why or why not?
2. Do you think your possessions are too few, too much or just right?
3. What possessions would be easy for you to give up? Hard to give up?
4. Who in your family do you struggle to get along with the most?
5. What stressed-out Abram's family (13:7)? What causes stress in ours?
6. How did Abram handle family tension (13:8-9)? How do you handle it?
7. Would you have given Lot first choice or chosen for yourself (13:9-13)?
8. Would you have rather moved with Lot or stayed with Abram (13:10-12)?
9. What promises did God give Abram for being a peacemaker (13:14-17)?
10. Is there anyone God wants you to be reconciled with right now?

Pray and ask God to help you restore relationships. Ask God to clear the roads for Sunday. Pray for our students. Pray for your adopted missionary.