Study Guide for July 5th, 2009. Life of Abraham: The Separation. Genesis 13: 3-18.

Introduction: Describe a time you observed someone graciously resolve a conflict?

I. Strife within the family. (Gen. 13:3-7)

A. Upon his return from Egypt, where does Abram go and what does he do?

B. What is the source of the conflict? How did this situation arise?

C. How does the mention of the Canaanite and Perizzite affect the mode of the text?

D. Apply Psalm 133 to this situation. What are some common causes of conflict?

II. The Offer of peace. (Gen. 13:8-9)

A. Who takes the initiative to resolve the conflict? What is the basis for his appeal?

B. What offer does Abram extend to Lot? What does this reveal about Abram's faith?

C. When can separation be a good thing? (See also Acts 15:36-41 and I Cor. 7:10-16)

D. Reflect on the commands found in Rom. 12:18, I Thess 5:13, & Heb. 12 :14.
Is there a relationship in which you need to seek peace? What can you do?

III. The Choice. (Gen. 13:10-13)

A. What did Lot see? What associations are made with the Jordan plain?

B. What did Lot choose? On what basis did he make his choice?

C. Where does Lot live? From what you've read, what do you anticipate for Lot?

D. Reflect on II Cor. 4:16-18. Compare and contrast decisions you've made by sight versus faith. What has helped you increase your trust to the point of walking by faith?

IV. The Promise repeated. (Gen. 13:14-18)

A. What does the Lord do for Abram immediately after Lot separates from him?

B. What are the geographic and temporal dimensions of God's promise to Abram?

C. What does Abram do after his encounter with God? Why is this significant?

D. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Apply that truth in this story.