

WISE FAITH IN A MESSY WORLD

Genesis 14 | Jun 7, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Online Bulletin](#)

1. Women's Park Days; Wednesdays, June – July
2. Youth Group: Wednesday Meetings; start June 10
3. Membership Classes; June 14
4. FaithKids Camp VBS; June 15-19
5. Father's Day; June 21

INTRODUCTION:

Read our passage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. In Genesis 13, Lot chose to pitch his tents *near* Sodom because the land looked good. By Genesis 14, he is actually dwelling *in* Sodom, and consequently, he gets swept up in their military defeat and taken captive. Lot's progression from looking at Sodom, to pitching his tent near it, to living in it shows how easily we drift into compromise. How can small, seemingly harmless choices in our daily lives gradually lead us into environments or mindsets that are unhealthy for our faith?
2. Even though Lot had previously taken the best land and left Abram *with the remainder*, Abram doesn't hesitate to risk his life and the safety of his household to rescue his nephew. Abram had every reason to say, "Lot made his bed, now he has to lie in it." Instead, he chose grace and rescue. When someone we care about experiences trouble due to their own poor choices, how do we balance holding *them* accountable *with* showing them Christ-like grace and support?

3. When Abram returns from battle, he is met by two completely different rulers: Melchizedek (the King of Peace and Priest of God Most High) who brings bread and wine, and the King of Sodom who offers riches. Abram is met by a spiritual blessing on one hand and a material temptation on the other. In our own lives, how can we better discern between the moments God is trying to feed our souls versus the moments the "world" is trying to offer us a shortcut to success or comfort?
4. "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is *yours*, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich. (v.22-23) Abram completely rejects the King of Sodom's plunder because he wants it to be undeniably clear that his success and provision come solely from God, not from a worldly alliance. It can be incredibly tempting to take credit for our achievements or rely on worldly security rather than God. What are some practical boundaries we can set in our careers, finances, or relationships to ensure that God gets the ultimate credit for our blessings? Melchizedek appears out of nowhere, serves a feast, blesses Abram, receives a tithe (a tenth of everything), and disappears. The New Testament (specifically Hebrews 7) points to him as a type of Jesus. How does Melchizedek point to Jesus as our King-Priest?"

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, Summer Youth Camp leaders and students, our children's teams as they prepare for VBS, people in our body, and for our leaders.

Personal Practical Application: What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?