



Abram Rescues Lot

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Based on the Account in Genesis 14

Now there was a time when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah joined other kings in battle, but the place where they fought was full of slime pits and when the army of Sodom and Gomorrah fled some fell in the slime pits and the rest ran away into the mountains. So the city of Sodom and Gomorrah was raided and all the goods and people were taken away.

At this time, Lot, Abram's nephew, lived there and he was taken away with all his things as well! One of the people escaped and came to tell Abram what happened. Once Abram heard this, he gathered together 318 of his trained servants and went after the army. Abram and his servants split up and overtook the army during the night, and he was able to save his nephew Lot and restore all the goods to the city.

The king of Sodom offered all the goods that Abram recovered to him as a thank you gift for saving his people, but Abram didn't want them. He said "I will not even take a thread even from a shoe lace, or anything that is yours, because you might say later that you were the one to make me rich... but the men who came with me may take their part." Abram wanted to give all the glory to God and didn't want the king of Sodom to have a chance to give glory to himself!

Abram did a very dangerous and risky thing for someone else and didn't even expect or want payment in return! He wanted to make sure God always got the glory and knew that God had the power to give him everything he needed. May God help us to serve other people without expecting anything back in return, just as Jesus taught us.



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