



# The Big Valley

## Genesis 13:1-18

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### **Abram's Failure & God's Graciousness 13:1-4**

1. As a result of Abram's sin (chapter 12), chapter 13 begins with Abram and company being kicked out of Egypt along with their belongings. What was Abram's response to his failure?
2. How does Abram's response demonstrate the difference between true repentance and merely feeling sorry for our sin and its consequences?
3. How did God respond to Abram? Did Abram deserve this response?
4. In thinking through why God responded to Abram the way He did, what does Lamentations 3:22,23 reveal about the character of God?
5. What does Philippians 4:19,20 reveal about why God responded to Abram the way He did?
6. Assuming that we all mess up, how has God responded to you when you've turned to Him?

### **The Test of Abram's Faith 13:5-13**

7. What were the circumstances of the test? What was the test question?
8. Have you ever experienced circumstances similar to what Abram and Lot were experiencing?

#### **- Abram's answer to the test question (verses 8,9)**

9. What was Abram's answer to the test question?
10. How does Abram's suggestion demonstrate faith in God?
11. These days, what does Abram's answer look like in your life?

#### **- Lot's answer to the test question (verses 10-13)**

12. What was Lot's answer to the test question?
13. How does Lot's answer demonstrate faith in himself?

### **How God Grades Abram's Answer 13:14-18**

14. What was God's response to Abram's answer?
15. These days, how might God's response to Abram be an encouragement to you?

### **Extra Credit**

16. In Ecclesiastes King Solomon writes of how he has examined everything that we might consider valuable (might put our trust in). What are the test results (advice) that he shares in Ecclesiastes 12:13,14?
17. How does Solomon's advice demonstrate an understanding of Who God is and why He is to be feared and obeyed (trusted with our lives)?
18. These days, what does following Solomon's advice look like in your life?