

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

In **Genesis 13:1-4**, we read -

**1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot - *that was his nephew* - with him, into the south.**

**2 Now Abram was extremely rich in livestock and in silver and in gold.**

**3 And he journeyed on from the South [the country of Judah, the Negeb] as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been in the beginning; between Bethel and Ai.**

**4 Where he had built an altar at first; - *he returned to the place where they had been and this altar he had built* - and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.** And the very next words say -

**5 But Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.** Notice no mention of restoration for they had been into Egypt, which was a trip they should never had been involved in — no restoration and no worship of the Lord. You see, Lot was the son of Abram's dead brother, Huran. The type of person who gets involved with a spiritual cause very often cozies close to those ones who seem as if they had just what they need, as if they are going to catch it from them. Hoping to better himself, no doubt, he was going into this unknown with his Uncle Abram, but somehow never understanding the altar in his own life; never understanding what it is to obey God

personally. Although Lot was near to Abram, he personally missed understanding a life of faith. What about you? You might know somebody whose life is full of faith, and you feel if you draw near to them, you will catch this. But Lot saw things from the outside; he missed the impact of Abram because of his uncrucified personal ambition and goals. “Oh,” you say, “what he was thinking was not evil and bad.” But you miss it entirely when you are working at it, instead of seeing that the whole purpose in the life of faith should be God and His plan coming through. It is impossible to copy a life of faith and visio; it can only be obtained by personally walking in total dependence upon the exchanged life of the Lord in His Word.

You know, in **verse 6**, we go on to read -

**6 Now the land was not able to nourish and support them so they could dwell together, for their possessions were too great for them to live together.**

**7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s cattle and herdsmen of Lot’s cattle. . .** You can understand there was division, because they were not really one all the time. If Abram and Lot were not united, the impact would mean that the surrounding enemies - . . . **And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land . . .** the testimony would be known amongst the enemy. The threat; the danger. How often this is so in the work of the Lord when we are not totally one, because we understand when we walk

together by faith, it is the plan of God in the life of the believers, not that we think they have which we do not have. It is understanding it is the work of the Spirit that gets the work done. But if we mix flesh along with that which is the Spirit, there is confusion and there is strife. That is exactly the position that we read that Abram and Lot and their people were in. So Abram acted wisely for the concern of everybody. When a person is a hindrance and a disturber of the peace and the spiritual tone is lowered and division follows, action, bold action, must be taken. Lot, who speaks of the flesh, had to go. The testimony and the Name and the worship of God, to Whom Abram was known to bow the knee, was essential in a land surrounded by enemies. There wasn't to be that pretense of being what he really wasn't.

In **verses 8 and 9**, we read -

**8 So Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I beg of you, between you and me, or between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are relatives.**

**9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself, I beg of you, from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you choose the right hand, then I will go to the left.**

Amazing that he should say this! And, selfishly, Lot did not even acknowledge the right of first choice to Abram, the elder and the leader

of the expedition. But we read on -

**10 And Lot looked and saw that everywhere the Jordan Valley was well watered. Before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, - that is a very interesting verse - it was all like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar.**

**11 Then Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley and [he] traveled east. So they separated.**

**12 . . . and Lot dwelt in the cities of the [Jordan] Valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom and dwelt there. *But listen -***

**13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and exceedingly great sinners against the Lord.** What a decision! Lot thought he got the best, but as Scriptures will show, he got the worst!

Will you choose Jesus today? Will you choose walking in the Spirit?  
Give Him the answer.

*In His precious Name, we pray. Amen.*