

TEN WEEKS IN GENESIS – WEEK 3

<p><u>Monday 16th May – Genesis 12.10-13.7</u> As soon as Abram made his new commitment he faced a challenge. He responded based on his own thinking, rather than consulting God. Is that familiar? Thank God for Abram's example of repentance at 13.4</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday 17th May – Genesis 13.8-18</u> Another test – but this time Abram has learned his lesson. He allows Lot the first choice – and accepts the apparently lesser reward. But notice how God blesses selflessness – as He still does today</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 18th May – Genesis 14.1-16</u> Having chosen earthly riches, Lot became a target for enemy kings! Abram rides to the rescue – and we are called to do the same – that is to help people who have made poor decisions find the godly path!</p>	
<p><u>Thursday 19th May – Genesis 14.17-15.6</u> Blessing associated with bread and wine. The giving of a tenth of one's wealth. Godly practices flowing from faith are followed by God's generous blessing. Genesis 15.6 is explained further in Romans chapter 4</p>	
<p><u>Friday 20th May – Genesis 15.7-21</u> Abram sought confirmation through his obedience and worship. Then God spoke directly to Him through a dream. Do you listen to God in such ways?</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 21st May – Genesis 16.1-15</u> Sadly, once again man responds to God's covenant by taking matters into his own hands – remember our reading from last Monday? When we remember that Muslims trace their ancestry to Abram through Ishmael, the consequences of this failure to trust God become severe!</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 22nd May – Genesis 17.1-27</u> Despite Abram's failings, God knows his heart! What are the key requirements of this next covenant (see verses 1 and 9) of which circumcision was simply to be the sign? See Romans 4. 11-12</p>	