

The Life of Faith: Growing in Character

Genesis 14:1-24

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
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2 Timothy 3v16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

1. A big problem (v1-12)



Genesis 14v12

They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

2. A daring rescue (v13-16)

- A lesson about transformation

2 Corinthians 5v17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.”

John Newton



2. A daring rescue (v13-16)

- A lesson about transformation
- A lesson about love

“Though others may have been wanting in their duty to us, yet we must not deny our duty to them.”



Matthew Henry

Ephesians 2v10

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Galatians 6v9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

3. An unexpected meeting (v17-24)

- The temptation that Abraham faced

Genesis 14v21

Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself...

3. An unexpected meeting (v17-24)

- The temptation that Abraham faced
- The blessing that Abraham received

Genesis 14v19-20

¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

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- The temptation that Abraham faced
- The blessing that Abraham received
- The response that Abraham made

Genesis 14v22-23

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’”

Titus 2v11-13

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.