# The Life of Faith: Growing in Character

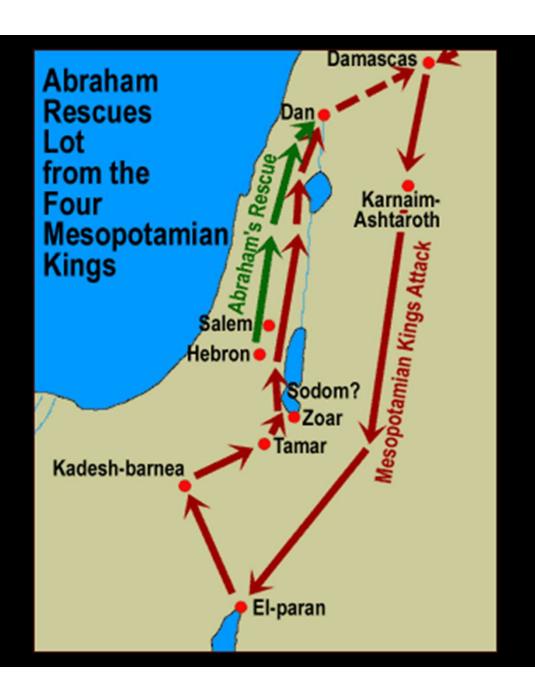
Genesis 14:1-24

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

#### 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)

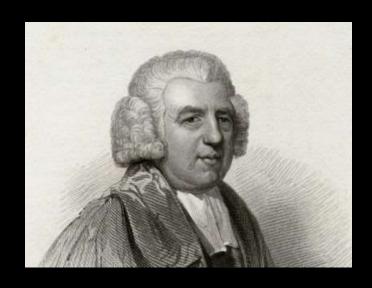
A lesson about transformation

#### 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

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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...

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

#### Genesis 14v19-20

- and he blessed Abram, saying,
  "Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
  Creator of heaven and earth.
- <sup>20</sup> And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand."

## 3. An unexpected meeting (v17-24)

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

#### Genesis 14v22-23

<sup>22</sup> 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, <sup>23</sup> 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

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