

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

Warming up

1. What did you do this summer for fun?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Matthew 1:1-2. According to this passage, how are Abraham and Jesus connected on the family tree?
  - a. Who are the patriarchs?
3. Let's talk about conflict. Every home has conflict. It's normal. It's encouraging to see that conflict happened in Abram's family as well. Please read Genesis 13:1-6. What country did Abram leave?
  - a. What did Abram do when he arrived in Canaan?
  - b. Where did Abram get much of his wealth? (Gen 12:16).
  - c. What was the first sign of conflict?
4. Have you ever been in a situation where you had limited space to share with someone? What happened?
5. Pastor Ruben challenged us...If you want to see what kind of relationship you have with someone, share a plate with them! Are you going to do it?
6. Please read Genesis 13:7. What happened?

7. What do you think about Max Lucado's quote, "Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional."
8. According to James 4:1-3, where does conflict come from?
9. How did Abram handle this situation? Please read Genesis 13:8-9. Could you let someone else have first dibs under these circumstances? Why or why not?
10. According to Genesis 13:10-13. Do you think Lot thought about how important his potential neighbors were?
  - a. Would you have made the same choice? Why?
11. QUESTION: Do you have a Lot perspective and attitude in life? Just because something may look good, doesn't mean it is good. You need ask God for His perspective!
12. After Lot was gone, look what God told Abram in Genesis 13:14-18. How is this different from Lot's perspective?

### Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional." - Max Lucado
- "I'm practicing the discipline of not having to have the last word." - Dallas Willard
- "A person who has the promise of God's provision does not have to cling to things."  
- Allen Ross
- It takes MUCH MORE discipline to pray and wait on God to answer, then submit to God's plan.
- Something from the hand of God is always better than what you can give yourself.
- Don't chase after "one direction" when God wants to give you "every direction".
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**Every Home Has A Conflict  
Abraham**

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