

Staying Away from the Edge of Compromise

Genesis 14

Genesis 14 provides two examples that help us the dangers of living on the edge and key to living in a compromise free zone.

- **Example #1: LIVING ON THE EDGE OF COMPROMISE WILL STEAL THE THINGS WE VALUE MOST.** Genesis 14:1-12

So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹²They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.
Genesis 14:11-12 (English Standard Version)

Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar . . . ¹¹So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. ¹². . . Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. ¹³Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.
Genesis 13:10-13 (New International Version)

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. Proverbs 11:3 (NIV)

Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.
Romans 16:19 (NIV)

- **Example #2: LIVING WELL BACK FROM THE EDGE OF COMPROMISE HAPPENS BY MAKING AN IMPORTANT DECISION.** Genesis 14:13-24

After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath ²³that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' ²⁴I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share." Genesis 14:17-24 (NIV)

Paul's prayer for the Philippian Christians was that they would have . . . *depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, . . .* Philippians 1:9-10 (NIV)

- Abraham's key decision = to stay current with and connected to God.
- Abraham stayed current with and connected to God through worship.

He Worships in Two Ways

- Renewed surrender
- Tangible sacrifice

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)