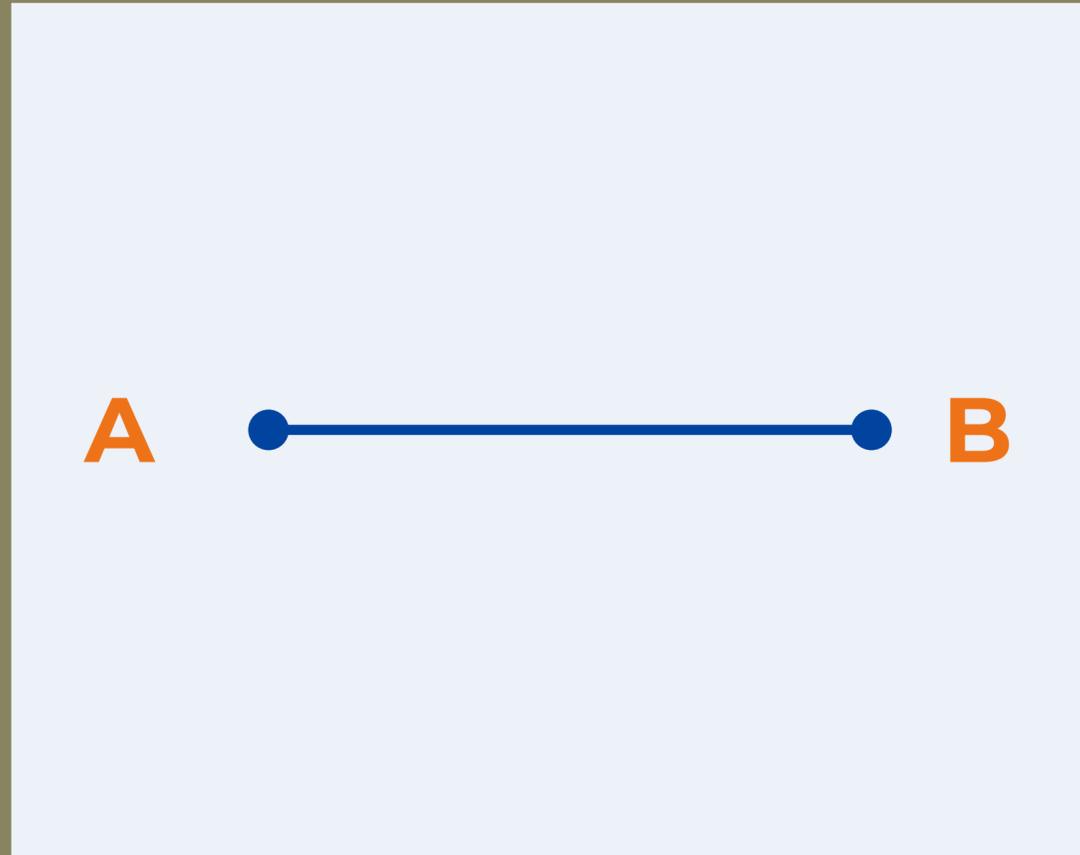


God created a people through whom the Messiah would come.

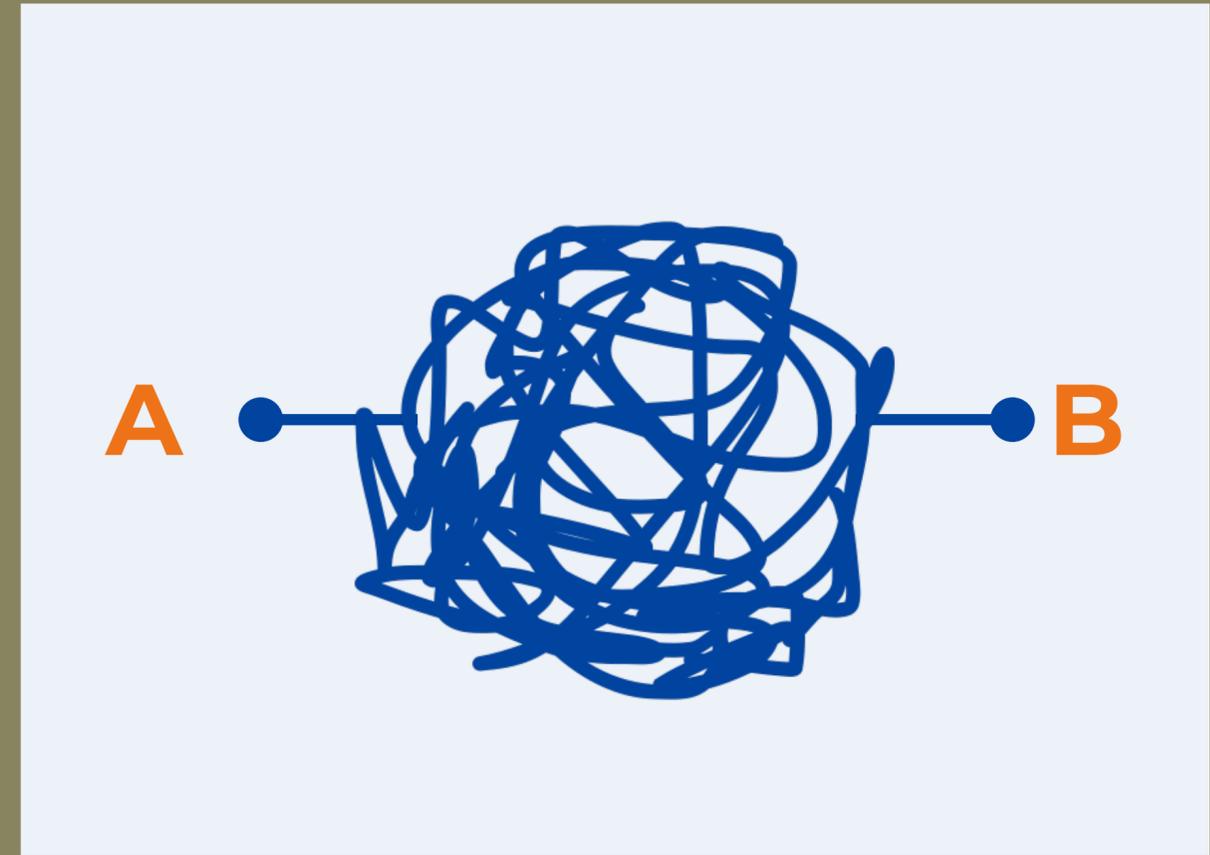
GENESIS 13

We Are Brothers

Abraham: The Father of All Who Believe (Romans 4:11)



Pre-fall and at the
Culmination of all things



Life happens.

GENESIS 12

Becoming a People and a Blessing for Others and Others

God is gracious to call us

shape us

use us and give us direction!

Journey on!

God is patient and provides His grace so that we can:

keep working, keep growing,

keep confessing & keep repenting.

Genesis 12:1 “Now the Lord said to Abram,

“**Go** forth from your country,

And from your relatives

And from your father’s house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And **I will make you a great nation,**

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so **you shall be a blessing;**

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Promise Keeping God Peacemaking People

Genesis 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.
2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

Becoming a People & a Blessing for Others and Others

JOURNEY ON: Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

1. Israel's story is one of going away and coming back.
2. Abram was blessed big time.
- 3.

Genesis 13:3 He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

Becoming a People & a Blessing for Others and Others

JOURNEY ON: Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

2. Abram was blessed big time.
3. Abram was called & kept calling on the name of the Lord.
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Genesis 13:5 Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together. 7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.

Becoming a People & a Blessing for Others and Others

JOURNEY ON: Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

4. Abram and Lot were blessed big time but a problem arose.

Genesis 13:8 So Abram said to Lot, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left.”

Peacemaking: We are brothers.

1. Abram took initiative to start the conversation.
2. Abram didn't want any strife with Lot or their herdsmen.
3. Abram recognized they were family and had flexibility.

Genesis 13:10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—this was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.

11 So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.

12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the Lord.

Peacemaking: We are brothers.

Genesis 13:14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; 15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. 16 I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Promise Keeping God: I will give the land to you.

1. The Lord kept reminding Abram of His vision & promise.
2. God is helping Abram think big while it is starting small.

Genesis 13:17 Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.” 18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

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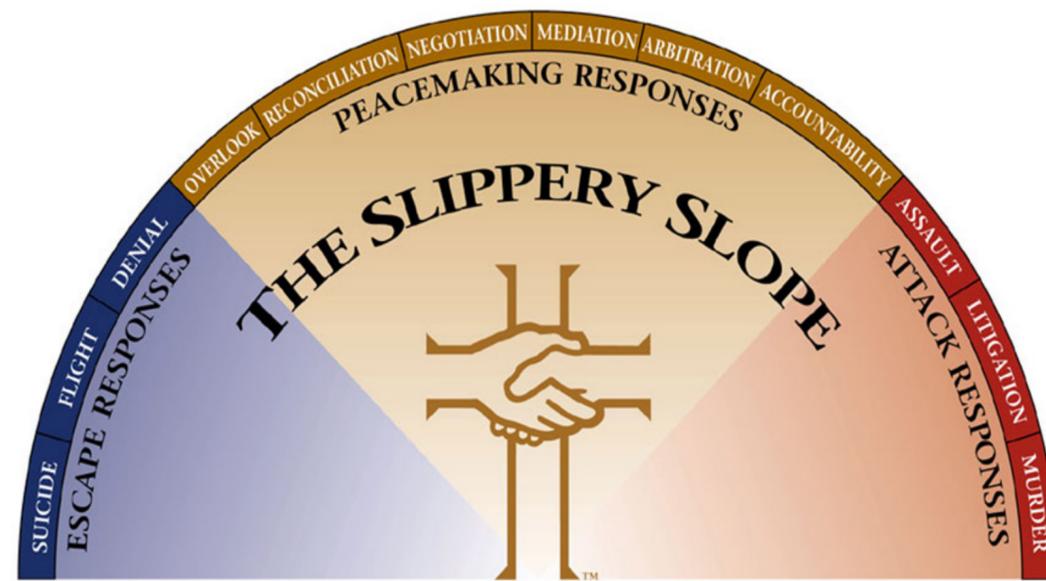
God's Glory



Gospel/Grace

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

**Find your identity in God's grace, glory and call.
Practice standing on God's Word & peacemaking.**



PAUSE Principle in negotiating/peacemaking

P — Prepare for peacemaking. **1 Cor. 4:13**

A — Affirm relationships. **1 Cor. 13:7** **Prov.**

U — Understand the interests of others: listen! **20:5**

S — Search for creative solutions. **Dan. 1; Ecc. 9:16**

E — Evaluate options objectively and reasonably.



Live in God's peace.

Therefore,
having been
justified by faith,
we have peace
with God
through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
Romans 5:1

love
joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
gentleness
self-control
Gal. 5:22-23



Live out God's peace.

By this all men
will know that you
are My disciples,
if you have love
for one another.
John 13:35

1 Corinthians
12:18 But now
God has placed
the members,
each one
of them,
in the body,
just as
He desired.

The universal church &
The local **church body**

In Christ,
we are brothers.

1 Corinthians 12:12
For even as
the body is one
and yet has
many members,
and all
the members
of the body,
though they
are many,
are one body,
so also is Christ.

Forgiven

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