



By Faith

Genesis 12-25

Genesis 13:1–5

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Genesis 13:6–8

6 But the land was unable to support them as long as they stayed together, for they had so many possessions that they could not stay together, **7** and there was quarreling between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. (At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were living in the land.) **8** So Abram said to Lot, “Please, let's not have quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, since we are relatives.

Genesis 13:9–11

9 Isn't the whole land before you? Separate from me: if you go to the left, I will go to the right; if you go to the right, I will go to the left." **10** Lot looked out and saw that the entire plain of the Jordan as far as Zoar was well watered everywhere like the LORD's garden and the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) **11** So Lot chose the entire plain of the Jordan for himself. Then Lot journeyed eastward, and they separated from each other.

Genesis 13:12–15

12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, but Lot lived in the cities on the plain and set up his tent near Sodom.

13 (Now the men of Sodom were evil, sinning immensely against the LORD.) **14** After Lot had separated from him, the LORD said to Abram, “Look from the place where you are. Look north and south, east and west, **15** for I will give you and your offspring forever all the land that you see., then your offspring could be counted

Genesis 13:16-18

16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust of the earth¹⁷ Get up and walk around the land, through its length and width, for I will give it to you.” ¹⁸ So Abram moved his tent and went to live near the oaks of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.

MAIN IDEA

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“if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.” (2 Timothy 2:13)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus,” (Romans 8:1)

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Hebrews 11:17–19

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He received the promises and yet he was offering his one and only son, **18** the one to whom it had been said, Your offspring will be traced through Isaac. **19** He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead; therefore, he received him back, figuratively speaking.

Philippians 2:3–4

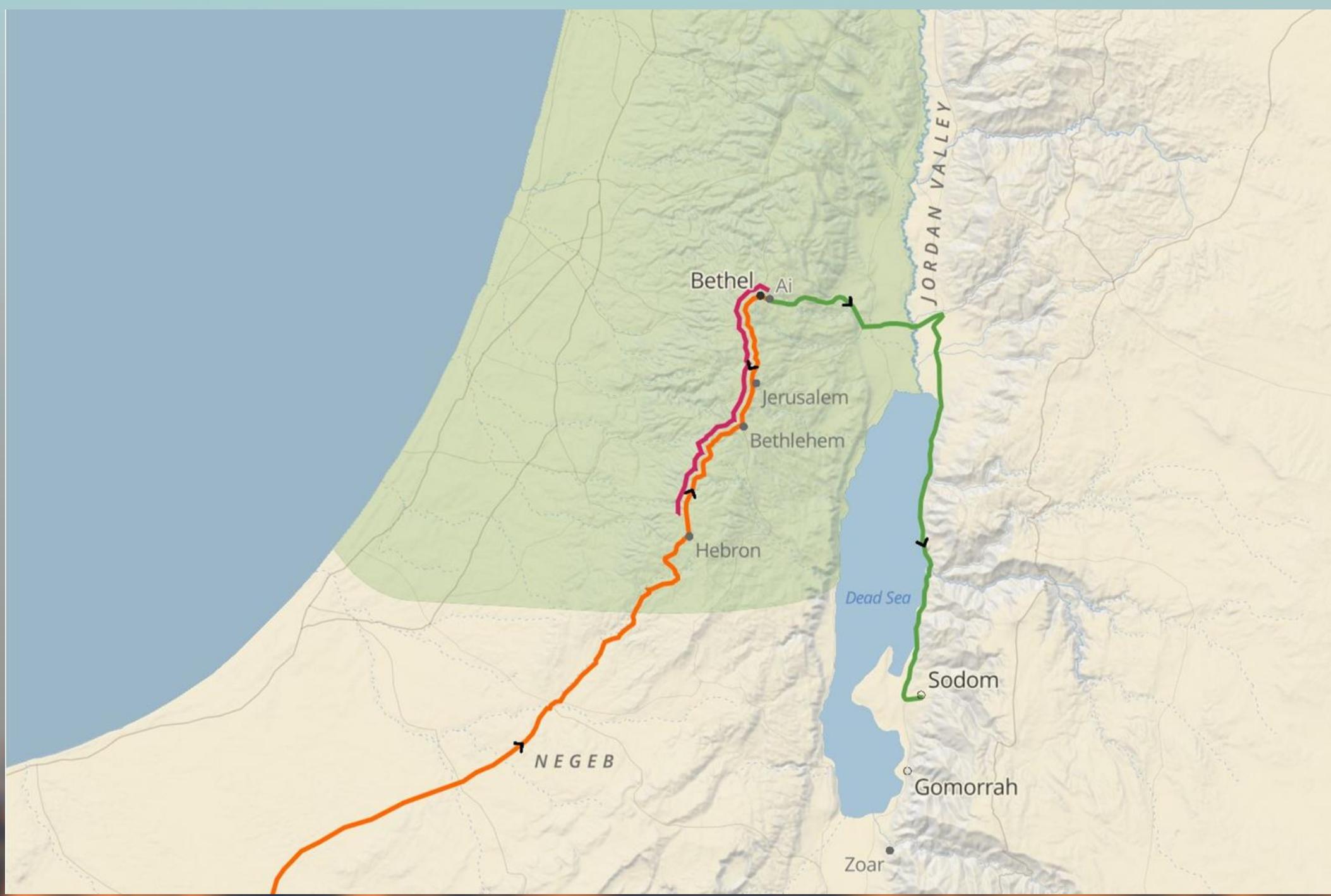
3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. 4 Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:5–8

**5 Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,⁶
who, existing in the form of God, did not consider
equality with God as something to be exploited.⁷
Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of
a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And
when he had come as a man,⁸ he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death— even
to death on a cross.**

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2 Peter 2:6–8

⁶ and if he reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes and condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is coming to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued righteous Lot, distressed by the depraved behavior of the immoral ⁸ (for as that righteous man lived among them day by day, his righteous soul was tormented by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)

Proverbs 14:12

¹² There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 6:27

**27 Can a man embrace fire and his clothes not be
burned?**

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“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.””
(Matthew 19:26)

“By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” (Hebrews 11:9–10)

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