

Genesis 14:1-24

Rescuing Lot

Consequences ...

I. Lot Rescued

- A. Real War
- B. Imminent Danger
- C. Courageous Pursuit

II. The Ultimate Rescue

- A. Warfare
- B. Captives
- C. Christ

III. Mini Rescuers

- A. The Battle
- B. The Brother
- C. The Effort

... and grace.

Children, Listen ...

1. What happened to Lot?
2. What did Abram do as soon as he found out?
3. Did Abram take any gift as a reward from the King of Sodom?
4. How is Jesus a rescuer?
5. What do you learn from Abram and Jesus about helping others?

The Rescuers

God's people often get inadvertently swept up into the ravages of earthly conflicts, but considering the previous context it is obvious that Lot's impetuous self-interest got him and his people in a heap of trouble. Abram, seeing that his "brother" was in great danger, immediately put his small band into action and pulled off a courageous rescue. This first real war on earth's soil just might illustrate a far bigger conflict and a far greater "hero." We have placed ourselves, like Lot, in grave danger and have become captives of the power of sin and Satan. Jesus in the ultimate rescue conquers sin, the devil and death itself and delivers us safely into His own glorious Kingdom. We should be exceedingly thankful for what Christ has done for us, but we should also take special note of the grace and kindness extended to us even though we were fully responsible for our previous deadly lot in life – and then imitate that grace and kindness. We are called to be Christ-like to others. One of the ways we are to do so is by participating in rescuing other sinners, even those who foolishly place themselves in spiritually precarious circumstance, from demise – especially when they are our siblings in Christ. We aren't Saviors, and we may never have the opportunity to lead a military expedition to save our family members, but we can reach out to brothers and sisters who find themselves entangled in the ravages of their own sin eager to be used by God in their deliverance from captivity to whatever it might be. James writes (5:19-20) My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. It will take grace and mercy and perhaps even courage in some cases, but God will use us in His work of redemption and restoration if we are willing and compassionate soldiers in the state spiritual war in which we live.