

Story 19/20: Abram and Lot Separate

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Read this entire story in the Bible in Genesis 13:1-13

Words to Know

pastureland – land where plants (grass, etc.) which grow can be used as food for grazing animals

quarrel – to argue, disagree

separate – to stop being together

Questions

1. Why couldn't Abram and Lot live in the same area?
2. Why did the servants of Abram and Lot start quarreling?
3. What was Abram's plan? What does this show us about the kind of person Abram was?
4. Which area do you think was better as pastureland – the Jordan River valley or the mountain area?
5. Why did Lot choose the valley for his place to live? What does this tell us about the kind of person he was?

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