

## Questions

1. Read Genesis 13:8-11. Why did Lot choose to move to the other side of the Dead Sea? Can you recall a time when you chose to separate from close fellowship with God's people, only to find yourself more susceptible to the lure of the world?
2. Read Luke 13:1-5. What did Jesus say should be the believer's first response to violent crises and disasters, and is that your go-to response in times of trouble?
3. Think of all the petty slights we perceive when we do something well, but we are not met with gratitude. Compare that to how rarely we pause to thank our Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth, for ALL that He does on a constant basis to help and sustain us. How often do you testify before others that your achievements are only possible because of His help, strength, and grace?
4. By Yahweh's direction Israel's priesthood was kept separate from royalty (cf. 2 Chronicles 26:16-21). Who are the two exceptions in the Bible? What happened in other nations when the line between the two was blurred? Why is it significant that Jesus is both our great high king and our great high priest?
5. How can the priestly sacrifice and ongoing intercession of Jesus provide relief for you from striving after worldly rewards and pleasures?

Need prayer?

Someone will be up front by the piano  
to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.

[gbclorton.com/sermons](http://gbclorton.com/sermons)



In Genesis 14 we'll see a crisis, its resolution, and its aftermath. From this narrative we'll see how to prepare for and respond to a crisis, and how to guard against a worldly response when the crisis is over.



In a fallen world, there will be conflicts, violence, and oppression.

1. One sure way to worsen a crisis is to be living far from God's will and His people.
2. One sure way to face a crisis and, when necessary, to act righteously is to be living a peaceful and quiet life of deep trust in the Lord (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:11).

Abraham led his man to a great victory to end the war and free Lot. There were two ways he could respond after the victory:

1. Do what the world does. Take credit and reap any possible rewards.
2. Bless God. Declare His greatness as the reason for your success, and rest in Him as your great reward.