

## THE RESCUE

Genesis 14:1-24

Some time after Abram and Lot had separated, Lot moving into the valley of Sodom, there was war. The war was between the kings of the valley and Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations. The kings of the valley had served Chedorlaomer for twelve years and they decided to quit serving him. So in the thirteenth year they rebelled against Chedorlaomer's rule. In the fourteenth year he came to bring them back into his service. The two armies came together to fight in the valley of Siddam, which is the salt sea.

Along the way, the armies of Chedorlaomer had defeated the Rephaims, the Zuzims, the Emims, and the Horites. Then Chedorlaomer went on to destroy the Amalekites of Kadesh, and the Amorites of Hazazon-tamar.

When they finally arrived at the valley of Siddam, the armies of Chedorlaomer had already conquered many nations. The battlefield was a place full of tar pits, and the kings of the valley were not able to protect their cities. They were either killed or ran away to the mountains, leaving their cities to the mercy of the conquering armies of Chedorlaomer.

The conquering armies took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, all the food stuffs, and people of the cities, and went away. In that company of captives was Lot and all that he had, for Lot had moved into Sodom.

Someone who had escaped, came and told Abram all that had happened, and that his nephew Lot was now a captive of the conquering armies.

When Abram heard of Lot's capture, he immediately armed his trained servants. There were three hundred eighteen of them. Abram pursued the enemy to Dan, then he divided his men into groups. During the night he came upon the enemy, attacked and defeated them. Then Abram brought back all the booty that the conquerors had taken, as well as Lot and his things, the women, and all the people that had been taken captive.

Upon Abram's return, the king of Sodom came to meet him.

Abram came to the city of Salem which had a godly king named Melchizedek. This king brought bread and wine out to Abram and his men to refresh them. Melchizedek was a priest of the most high God. He said, "Blessed be Abram of the most high God possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which has delivered your enemies into your hands."

Then Abram gave a tenth of all that he had taken from the defeated armies to the Lord.

The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me my people back, but you keep all the possessions."

Abram replied, "I have told the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take even one thread or anything else from you. For I do not want you to say that you have made Abram rich. We have only taken food to eat. Let the other people that helped me fight, take their fair share."

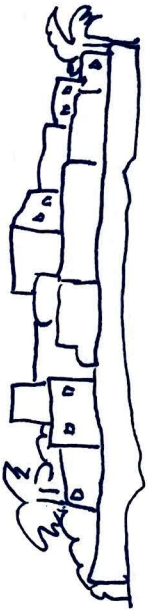
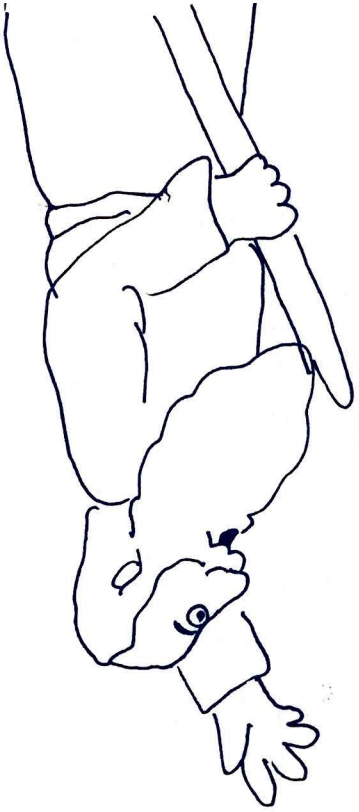
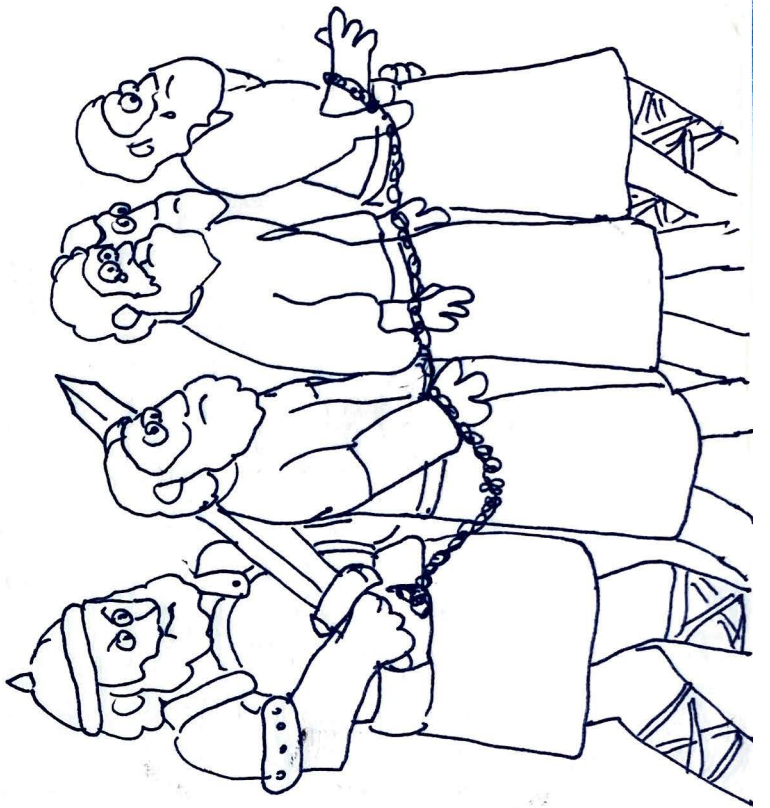
Abram went to the rescue of his nephew, and with God's help delivered him from slavery and death. Abram had trained his men and was prepared to fight, but the battle was in the Lord's hands. When the battle was over, Abram gave the credit and praises, as well as an offering to God.

Abram teaches us to be prepared as much as is possible for those dangers that we can foresee. The victory in each situation we must leave in the Lord's hands, for he is the most high God and all things are his. Therefore, we owe him honor and praise for every thing that we are able to accomplish. Without him we could do nothing.

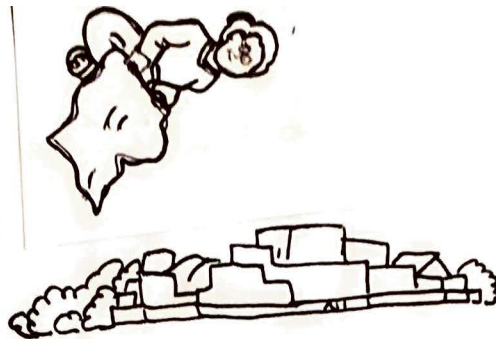
**PRINCIPLE:** It is only through the most high God that we can accomplish anything.

**LEARN:** Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23,24







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