



# Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

# WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

DON'T MISS WHAT MATTERS MOST.

 **FOCUSED ON  
WHAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU**

*You can miss what's bigger.*

 **LIFT UP YOUR EYES  
AND LOOK**

*God has something greater for you.*




**DISTRACTED BY THE SMALL THINGS,  
WE MISS THE BIG PICTURE.**



**WHEN YOU LOOK TO GOD,  
YOU SEE BEYOND TODAY.**

“ Lift up your eyes and look... for all the land that you see  
I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

GENESIS 13:14-15



# LIFT UP YOUR EYES *and LOOK*

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SEEING WHAT GOD SEES.  
TRUSTING WHAT HE PROMISES.

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## GENESIS 12:1-4

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

# GENESIS 13:8-13

8 Then Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen.

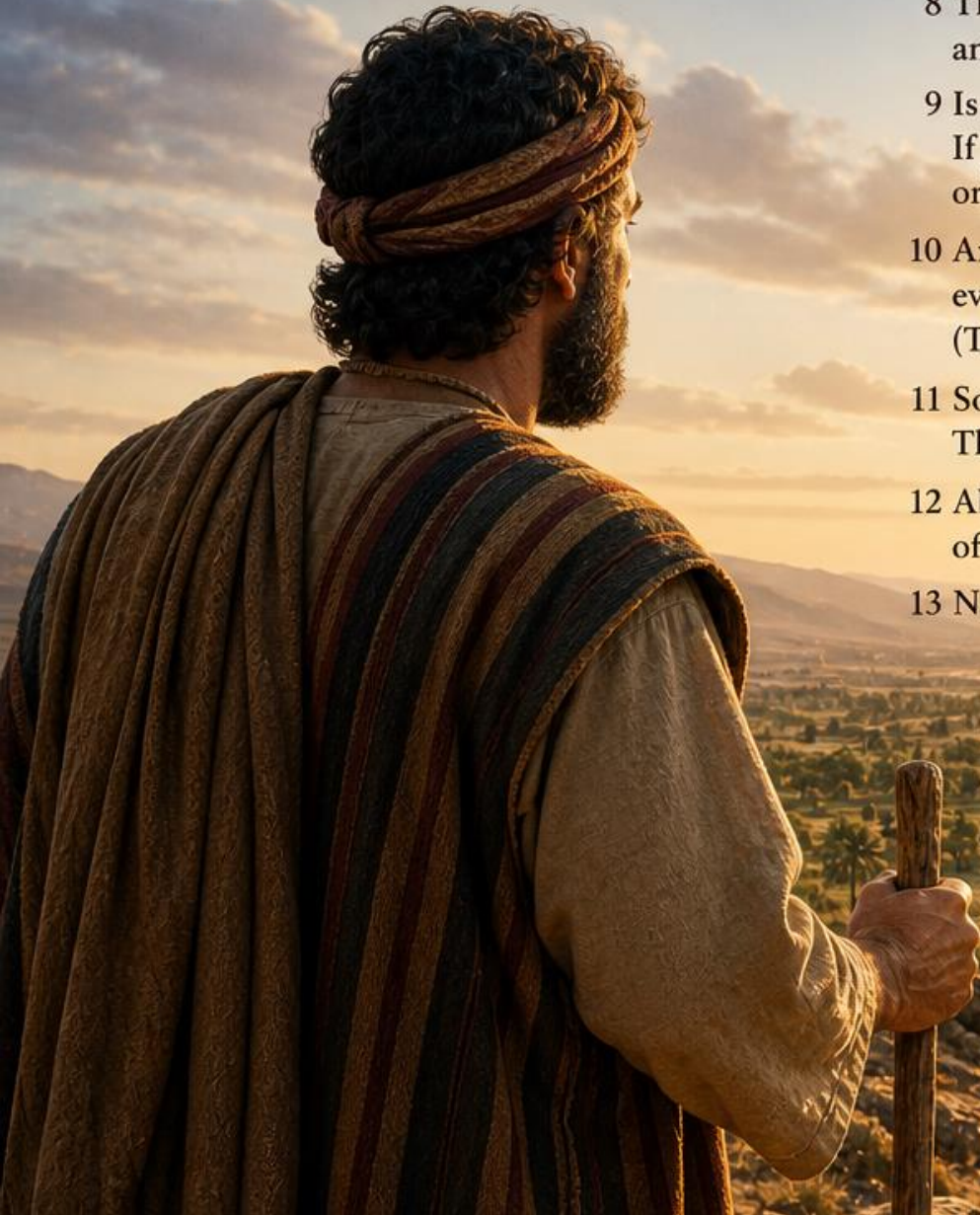
9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.”

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

11 So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.

12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.



# GENESIS 13:14-18

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- 14 The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward,
- 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.
- 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.
- 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”
- 18 So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.



# WHO DO *SURROUND*

# YOURSELF WITH?

THE RIGHT PEOPLE WILL LIFT YOU HIGHER,  
ENCOURAGE YOU DEEPER, AND HELP  
YOU WALK CLOSER WITH GOD.





# The Power of Faithful Friends

Luke 5:17 – 26

# ARE MY FRIENDS MOVING ME

CLOSER TO  
CHRIST...

OR CLOSER TO  
SODOM?

TRUTH  
PURPOSE  
LOVE  
HOLINESS  
ETERNAL LIFE

PARTY  
IMMORALITY  
PRIDE  
SELFISHNESS  
EMPTY PLEASURES



# AM I A GOOD FRIEND?



## DO I CARE?

A good friend notices and has compassion.



## DO I HELP?

A good friend is willing to step in and help.



## DO I STAY?

A good friend sticks around and doesn't walk away.



## DO I FOLLOW THROUGH?

A good friend goes the extra mile and sees the need through.

**A GOOD FRIEND REFLECTS THE HEART OF JESUS.**

# The Good Samaritan

He had compassion on him,  
and went to him and  
bound up his wounds,  
pouring on oil and wine.

Luke 10:33-34



# PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Would I carry someone to Jesus like the men in Luke 5?
2. Would I stop and help like the Samaritan?
3. Or would I pass by?

*Let's examine our hearts and choose to be like Jesus.*



# ARE YOU WALKING *in* JESUS?



IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GOING TO CHURCH.  
IT'S ABOUT GOING WITH CHRIST—EVERY DAY.

*He is the way.  
Walk in Him.*