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Walking away from God doesn't always seem so significant in the moment. At a certain point in time, Abraham and his nephew Lot saw that it was wise to separate for the sake of harmony. They had been so blessed by the Lord that their workers were beginning to quarrel over resources. Abraham graciously offered Lot first choice of where he would pasture his flocks. Now here is where Lot made a crucial mistake. The Bible tells us that Lot chose ... "for himself."

This may seem rather insignificant, but the fact is that Lot didn't seek counsel from the Lord as his uncle did. He did, in fact, choose the best land available. But God knew what Lot didn't – the place he was moving to had no future. The Lord destroyed the very city where Lot became a leader, and he lost everything. He learned too late that one gets further from God when either, God moves and we don't ... or when we move in a direction that God won't. Being successful is good, but no good can come when we choose poorly, as Lot did and distance ourselves from God. Make sure you are always moving yourself closer to God.

Prayer for Today

Lord, I want to be pleasing to You in everything I do, and in every decision I make. Please give me ears to hear Your voice clearly, eyes that look for Your works, and a heart that loves You more than any other thing. As I study Your Word, please show me how to make wise choices. I want to follow You – don't let me stray!

Scripture for Today

Genesis 13:11-13 Lot chose that land for himself – the Jordan Valley to the east of them. He went there with his flocks and servants and parted company with his uncle Abram. So while Abram stayed in the land of Canaan, Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom, among the cities of the plain. The people of this area were unusually wicked and sinned greatly against the LORD. (NLT)