



Week 3: Tents & Altars

Faith is not a destination. It's a non-linear journey of worship and obedience. After Abraham's failure to trust God, he returned to the place of worship where he regained the vision of God's call which empowered him to deal humbly and graciously with his next challenge and keep moving forward in his faith. Genesis 13 teaches us that while we won't always get it right, God's love never runs out and His grace never gives up.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Genesis 13:1-18

- Abraham responds differently to this conflict than he does to the famine. What change do you notice in him and what do you attribute that to?
- We learn that Abraham is a man who builds altars. What does this say about his faith? How does worship align our hearts with the heart of God? What are things you've done to build altars of worship in your own life that keep you focused on God? Are there specific things you've noticed in the way you respond to challenges when you're living a life of worship as opposed to when you're relying on yourself?
- Shawn talked about the phases of discipleship using a tool called The Discipleship Square. **D1 represents a new orientation** as we begin our journey with Jesus. **D2 represents disorientation** that occurs when we encounter conflict and challenges. **D3 represents reorientation** as we trust God and lean into His wisdom and grace. **D4 represents orientation**...that as we've grown our faith in Christ we now respond with maturity to most situations without thinking about it. This is just who we are. The Spirit is producing fruit in our life without us necessarily trying. What phase of discipleship are you in right now and how can you tell? What do you think is needed to grow your faith to the next phase?
- What is your biggest takeaway from this chapter and/or message?