

Bible Study 1 – Abraham’s response to injustice – Genesis 18:1-8, 16-33

Most people think of prayer, maybe like an Aladdin's lamp. We want someone to do what we want. In the story of Aladdin and the magical lamp, all he needs to do is to rub that lamp, and there will come a genie, who will do his bidding. Worse still, we think that prayer is like going to a vending machine, press the right button, and that drink or that pack of nuts will drop out. Well, prayer is not really coming to God as if He's a vending machine, or that He's a genie in the bottle. It's not primarily about getting what I want, or what I desire. It is about God's glory! It's about what brings greatest glory to His Name!

The context	When Abraham and Lot separated, Lot moved to fertile land near Sodom near the Dead Sea and Abraham stayed on the arid hill country. Lot was Abraham’s nephew. Abraham rescued Lot after the people living on the plain were invaded by four kings and Lot was taken captive. God made some great promises to Abraham including that his descendants would be numerous. Although his wife couldn’t have children, God changed their names because they would be the sources of many nations.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Gen. 18:1-8, 16-33

Abraham’s hospitality (v.1-8)	
Impending judgment (v.16-21)	
Abraham’s question (v.22-26)	
Abraham’s pleading (v.27-33)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What did Jesus teach about prayer in?
Luke 11:5-13

Luke 18:1-8

7. Which parts of the passages were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Because Abraham cared for Lot’s family and for God’s reputation, he pleaded persistently that God would act righteously. And God agreed with Abraham. We can also pray persistently because God does what is right.

Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?

What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points