

You Can't Hide It

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Genesis 14:17—15:6

Because of his family, Abram got pulled into a fight that wasn't his. When his nephew Lot was taken captive in a war between the kings from the Valley of Siddim and invading forces, Abram assembled a strong force of his household and neighbors in the Judean highlands. He proved to be an effective general—he defeated the invaders and rescued Lot.

While returning home, the victorious forces passed a Jebusite fortress called Salem (later Jerusalem). The king and priest of Salem, Melchizedek, blessed Abram in the name of *El-Elyon*, "God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth" (Genesis 14:19). Abram's victory brought glory to God. That is why Abram refused the king of Sodom's offer to take spoils of war for himself. He had not entered into the conflict for gain. The "*LORD, God Most High*" would receive all honor for the victory.

Abram could have taken the bounty; instead, he chose the blessing. You can't hide that kind of commitment. Others will see and celebrate the blessing.

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