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(A) He Removed His Person From Egypt - Abram separated himself from Egypt. (*2Cor. 6:17*) (*Heb. 12:1*) (*Heb. 12:6-12*).

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C) He Removed His Potential From Egypt - He took Sarai with him because, She held/was the key to the promises of God.

2. **IT INVOLVES RETURNING** (*Gen. 13:3-4*)

A) To The Place of God's Worship - He left Egypt and went back to Bethel, “*The House Of God*”, and the “*place of the altar*”.

B) To The Place of God's Working - Abram returned to the place where God had worked in his life. The Lord will always be found in the place where we left Him.

C) To The Place of God's Will - Abram returned to the place where God sent him. (*Ex. 33:21*)

3. **IT INVOLVES REVIVING** (*Gen. 13:3-4*)

A) He Revived His Devotion To God - Abram came back to the place of the altar. There seems to be a renewal of desire to be in God's presence. (*John 4:23-24*)

B) He Revived His Dependence On God - Abram “*Called on the name of the LORD...*” What he should have done in the first place.

C) He Revived His Dedication To God - What happened in the heart of Abram that caused him to walk away has been dealt with...fear is gone, relying on Egypt, self, is gone. he experienced a renewal of his “*first love*”

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