

These Kids Are Going to be the Death of Me: Lot (Abraham's Nephew)

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Today we'll briefly look at the life of Lot through Genesis 13, 14, 18, and 19. His story shows how small compromises can lead to big consequences, and how God's mercy still reaches into our mess. It's a sobering warning and a hopeful reminder all in one.

WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO WALK BY FAITH?

Genesis 13:

... 5 Now Lot...also had flocks and herds... 7 and quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's... 8 So Abram said..., "Let's not have any quarreling...for we are close relatives... 9 Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." 10 Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan... was well watered ... 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain... 12 and pitched his tents near Sodom 13 ..the people of Sodom were wicked... 14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted... 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth..."

1) When we are full of faith, we don't have to fight for the best stuff, because we trust God to provide.

- Psalm 23:1, *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*
- Romans 12:18, *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*
- Is there a situation in your life where you're grasping for control instead of trusting God?

2) Walk by faith, and not by sight, and we can avoid unforeseen problems and discover unseen blessings.

- 2 Corinthians 5:7, *For we live by faith, not by sight.*
- Are you making any decisions right now based only on what looks appealing, without asking what pleases God?

Genesis 14:

[A coalition of kings attacked Sodom, taking all] 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit... 16 He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot... 18 ..Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." ..Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

3) Faith takes risks to rescue others, even when it was their own choices that got them into their mess.

- Galatians 6:1, *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.*
- Who in your life needs you to step in with bold faith, not for your sake, but for their rescue?

4) Genuine faith recognizes that every victory is God's doing, and it responds by giving Him the glory.

- Psalm 110:4, *You are a priest forever, in order of Melchizedek...* (Also read Hebrews 7)
- What victories, opportunities & provisions in our life are we tempted to take credit for, rather than using as a chance to reflect glory back to God?

Genesis 18:

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham... 2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing &...he hurried...to meet them and bowed low... 3 He said, "If I have found favor...do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and

then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed... "Very well," they answered, ...6 So Abraham hurried...to Sarah. "...bake some bread"...8 He then brought some...milk and the calf...and set these before them...10 one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening... 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" 13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh...14 Is anything too hard for the Lord?..." 15 Sarah was afraid, so she lied...But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."...20 The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see...23 Abraham...said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous...? Will you really sweep it away & not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous...? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing...treating the righteous and the wicked alike...Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26 The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake"...[45, 40, 30, 20, 10...]

5) Faith sees the blessings that flow from hospitality as greater than the inconvenience of that hospitality.

- Hebrews 13:2, *Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.*
- Matthew 25:37-40, 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least
- How are you intentionally creating space in your life or home for God's presence and people?

6) Faith knows that nothing is too hard for God, so we should stop laughing and start believing.

- 1 Timothy 2:5, *For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.*
- What promise from God have you stopped believing because it feels too late, too hard, or too long? Will you pray boldly for that?

MERCY RESCUES US FROM THE JUDGMENT WE DESERVE.

Genesis 19:

1 The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city... 3 He insisted...that they did go with him and entered his house... 4 [and] all the men from every part of the city... surrounded the house. 5 "Where are the men...Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." 6 Lot went outside... 7 "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing." 8 "Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man..." 10 But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house ... 11 Then they struck the men... with blindness... 12 The two men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here...? Get them out of here, 13 because we are going to destroy this place..." 14 Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law... But they thought he was joking. 15 ...the angels urged Lot... "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters..." 16 When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand...for the Lord was merciful to them. 17 "Flee...Don't look back..." 18-24 Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah ... 25-26 But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. 28 [Abraham] looked...& saw...smoke rising... 29 So when God destroyed the cities... he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out... [Lot's Daughters sexual immorality birthed two of Israel's greatest enemies]

1) Compromise always costs more than we think.

- Ezekiel 16:49-50, *Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. 50 They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen.*
- Where have you grown comfortable with compromise? How is it hurting your life & weakening your witness?

2) God's mercy reaches farther than we expect.

- Titus 3:5, *He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy...*
- Are there people you think are beyond God's mercy? They're not! Do you feel beyond his mercy? You're not!

3) God's judgment is sure and Jesus is our only shelter.

- 2 Peter 2:6-9, *6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.*
- Luke 17:28-30, *28 It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.*
- Are there any sins that you need to repent of today?

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