

Genesis 19:1-29 (Part 2)

2 July 2023

ICE BREAKER: What is something you are afraid of?

LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

In verses 12 &13, the angels urgently warned Lot to gather his family and flee from the coming destruction of Sodom. Again, in verse 15, they warned him yelling, “Hurry!... or you will be swept away! Yet again in verse 17, when they were leaving Sodom, the angels shouted, “Flee for your lives!”

1. What are **areas** in your life in which **God** seems to always be **repeating Himself to you**?

(Read verses 15-16) Despite the repeated warnings to obey God’s commands and be saved, verse 16 tells us that Lot “**hesitated.**” Lot and his family found themselves in the greatest danger they had ever known. However, in absolutely the worst time to doubt God’s commands, Lot hesitated in unbelief.

Yet, despite Lot’s hesitation in verse 16, the angels “**grasped** his hand and the hands of his wife and his two daughters and led them **safely** out of the city.” Why? Because as the verse ends, “for the LORD was **merciful** to them.”

2. Can you remember a **crisis** where at critical moments during your crisis, you **hesitated** in unbelief or fear, and yet **God** still **showed** His **great mercy** toward you?

(Read verses 27-29) Verse 29 declares, “So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he **remembered Abraham** and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe.” At the end of the story, we realize why Lot and his family were rescued from the catastrophe—because God remembered Abraham.

Lot was rescued not because of his favor with God, but because of Abraham’s favor with God. Because Abraham interceded for Lot (Ch. 18), God honored Abraham’s plea to save Lot from destruction.

3. Who has been **like an “Abraham” to you** in your life? (And why?)

Lot hesitated in unbelief and disobedience during the most critical crisis in his family’s life. Lot’s faith, or lack of faith, showed its influence on his wife. Despite the urgent and grave warnings by the angels to never look back at Sodom, verse 26 states, “**Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.**”

In this brief reference to Lot’s wife, we see a reflection of Lot’s influence. Lot’s lack of faith and disobedience not only crippled him, but also **infected** those closest to him. Lot’s lack of faith and trust in the Lord directly **impacted** those nearest and dearest to him.

4. How have you seen the **faith** or **lack of faith** of **parents** directly **impact** how a **family overcomes** or **succumbs** in a **crisis**?

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those, in your group, plan to witness Christ to this week.)
