

# Remember LOT

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**Main Scriptures:** Genesis 11: 27-31; Genesis 12: 1-4; Genesis 13: 1-14; Genesis 14; Genesis 19

**Support Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 11: 3; Ephesians 5: 23; Genesis 18: 19; 1 Samuel 12: 1; Genesis 28: 1-4; 1 Samuel 12: 1; Hebrews 11: 20; Job 1: 15; Ephesians 5: 25; Psalm 103: 4; 1 Timothy 5: 8; 2 Corinthians 12: 14; Philippians 4: 6; Colossians 3: 1; 2 Peter 2: 7; Genesis 18; 1 Corinthians 5: 1; Genesis 13 :12- 14

Notes:

Thanks to everyone who is joining us live tonight I pray that your hearts will be blessed by the Lord this morning.

Asking the Lord to prepare our hearts to receive from God.

I want to extend a happy fathers day to you all. I want to speak to the fathers today. As is celebrated in this world this morning Fathers day, I want from my heart to speak to the Fathers in our assemblies in our community, and in the fathers that contribute to the nations.

Let us think carefully about the role of a father.

He is a leader, called the head of his family to serve. He provides spiritual leadership for his family (Genesis 18:19; 1 Samuel 12: 1)

We are called to bless our children Hebrews 11: 20

To pray for our family - Job 1: 15

Love and understand and honor our wives - Ephesians 5: 25 - this tells us that fathers are servants as Christs served

We are called to show love and compassion to our children - Psalm 103: 4

He provides for his family - 1 Timothy 5: 8; 2 Corinthians 12: 14

## LOT - Character Study

As we review this thing for fathers let's review a character in the bible. This morning we are looking at Lot and I hope to preach or speak from the subject Remember Lot

Haran Lots' father died before his father Terra.

Lot travelled with a man who followed God. Chapter 13 tells us of an occasion where Abram and lot went to Egypt and came from Egypt and lot was with him and Lot had a lot of wealth. Coming out of Egypt we recognize the Lord wants us to understand the wealth of Abram, very rich in cattle, silver and gold and also the wealth of Lot. He had flocks, herds and tents. Abram had silver and gold, I want to believe that the Lord is very clear and everything is there for a purpose. Lot has flocks herds and tents, he is building

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his wealth. We see from the beginning a good man a man who could have stayed back in Harran but gone with his uncle Abram and was gaining from his experience with the eternal God. The scripture tells us that Abram commanded his household to serve the eternal God. Abram went to Egypt to avoid a famine. We find them coming out of Egypt with wealth and gain and now God is about to test the character of the men. Fathers, a good character never fails to grant good success. The bible says they had so much substance that the Land was not able to bear them why? because their substance was great. It's not Abram or Lot but these men are about to be tested. You see in Gods test he never announce his test ahead of time. The character of an individual is seen or known when no one is observing him. God tests us with the simple things God will try us with everyday activities. Small details common places that are where our character shines out. When things go wrong we can clearly see the character of an individual. Abram is giving Lot free will to make a choice Lots character is about to be revealed. What's wrong with the choice? we make them every day. The Lord made us the way we want us to choose. He told Israel to "chose the life you will live". (*Deuteronomy 30: 15-20*)

So Lot is about to be tested - [Philippians 4: 6; Colossians 3: 1]

Lot took a long look at the plains of Zoar and how the whole area was watered like the garden of the Lord. Lot is about to choose. Two things that stand out

1. Long look 2. for himself

He is a father, is supposed to serve his family but clearly, we see the character of Lot. The central purpose of Lots choice was selfishness, he is a self-centered individual. Genesis 13: 11 - he chose for himself, he's not taking into consideration his family or his household. Why are we looking at this? because Fathers our choices will carry a lifetime impact on our lives. The generations we won't live to see will be affected positively or negatively by our choices. Some of us are reaping the bad experiences because of the choices of someone we did not meet. All of us are born in sin because two people disobeyed God and plunged this world into darkness.

What's the reason? why are you observing the Jordan valley?

Genesis 13:12 - Lots choice was to separate himself and move to the plains of Jordan near the city of Sodom. But the bible tells us that the people of this area were extremely wicked and sinned against the Lord. Why would you desire to draw near to such people Lot? It is important for us to understand, that Lot was wealthy but there was a difference between the wealth of Lot and Abraham. Lot was still seeking gain although he was wealthy. How many families have suffered and homes have become chaotic because of fathers who choose to live for themself. Nothing is wrong is getting gain however desiring for yourself enters a compromise between two wrong principles.

Genesis 13: 10 - Lot is attracted to it, it reminds him of the Land of the Lord. One trip to Egypt had influenced Lot and came out a changed individual. He went to Egypt - the world powers of that day and seen the blinding materialism of Egypt and recognizes how easy it is to increase your wealth in Egypt and he is attracted to that lifestyle. It is easier to increase his wealth there than to live a nomadic lifestyle. One statement from Abram to separate yourself was a test from the Lord.

Lot saw a quicker way to live and gain and live in the nearness. He pitched his tent to a place near Sodom. A simple choice, what's wrong with living near Sodom? - they constantly sinned against the Lord.

Here Lot stuck his compromises - like the Garden of the Lord and the Land of Egypt. What Lot is trying to do is to bring two things together that are in opposition to each other. We recognize where Lot is living in Sodom and look at this move. He pitched his tent towards Sodom. He doesn't go into Sodom just pitches his tent near enough to use the city.

Fathers, our family is depending on us. The Spirit of compromise we will have to fight it to find true success.

In Genesis 14 - Lot is no longer near Sodom but is in Sodom. We see the progression of his compromise. Our choice makes our eyes dim, Lot is not seeing as he used to as he was with Abram. He is now in Sodom and no longer living in tents. Small compromise yet very devastating.

In Genesis 19 - Lot is sitting in the gates - in the Eastern cultures, he is now a man of status in Sodom and his role was to receive visitors and decide with the disputes of the city. In modern-day terms, he could be a mayor of Sodom. It appears that Lot is advancing himself from tent to a Mayor's chair. But the scripture tells us that that was a wicked city. Not everything that we deem as success is a success. Having reached that level and at the end result of his life, the time had come when Lot met angels because God was to destroy the city. I wonder how after we are told of the destruction of Sodom if we should interview the man Lot and ask him about his life choices what would be his response. Fathers every choice counts even choosing not to choose is a choice that will still count.

#### Four "Interview" Questions for Lot:

#### **How has this move affected your inner life and mind and heart**

*- 2 Peter 2: 7 - a picture of discontent- Lot lost his peace and rest when we went to Sodom. An increase in gain but vexed with the filthy conversations of the wicked. I*

#### **How has it affected your family?**

*Genesis 19: 12- 14 - a preacher and father without influence. His sons-in-law mocked him  
It's a sad story one that is not easily told. In an effort to save the angels Lot chooses when the men of the city surrounded his house desiring to have sexual relations with his guest, Lot pleaded with him to take his daughters. when they were brought out of the city Lots wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. It is said the dead sea is potent with salt caused by salt on the land and what remained of her was salt as she delayed and got judged. Lots wife had a strong attachment with Sodom because Lot chose to pitch his tent towards Sodom. His daughters escaped the judgment but in Genesis 19:30 -38. where did they get this idea from? from that city. who brought them to that city? - A long look choosing for himself.  
Children became corrupted by the wicked city and now bear enemies of God and the Hebrew children were not to take any from the city/children of Moab or Ammon*

#### **How have you affected Sodom?**

Genesis 18

*40 - 10 righteous people found for the judgment not to fall but the Judgement still stands - Lot has not influenced 10 you see there is no success in compromise. Lot lived there until he became "Mayor" seemingly successful but disastrous.*

### **How much money or gain you made in Sodom?**

Genesis 19: 15 - such harsh words by the angels

Genesis 19: 16 - shows the soul tie to that city the bible said Lot still hesitated and lingering the angels ceased his hands and rushed them to safety. Lot did not choose to leave it was the mercy of God that brought him Out. So blinded was Lot that even in the midst of Judgement he could not see it. Angels had to overpower him to pull him out to a place of safety. He lost all his wealth, all he saved was his life. He went down a wealthy man but came out a pauper. why? (1)A long look (2)for himself. A good man acting on a wrong principle.

A selfish choice we will look at it and answer through scripture. Ask yourself the hard questions. This story speaks loudly of the folly of self-centered choices. It is useless to make compromises to make between good and evil. His choice was an act of dishonesty and hypocrisy. Pitching near to Sodom with a mind in Sodom. It tells us that to be successful we must find a simple principle of Life and act on it. We live in a world that deals heavily with numbers and the doctrine that preaches very hard to us about making yourself number 1 the greatest failure is success which leaves God out of the bargain. Success without God being part of the decision, is that really success? No

Abram had his eyes beyond the material he was looking for a city whose builder and maker was Christ. Lot chose for himself a city that could amass his wealth The spiritual Man looked beyond the physical and takes into account the spiritual things in his dealings with the material things. 1 Corinthians 5: 1

Genesis 13:12- 14 - we should live by a simple principle - The people who let God choose to get everything and the people who chose for themselves lose everything. Abram did not choose and God gave him everything Lot chose and he lost everything.

I want to say to fathers that are having difficulty relating to their children what choice did you make that is affecting your child. it is only repentance to the choice you made that will every open an opportunity to have a relationship with your children. The gifts won't help the money won't help what they need is you. They need a father that shows compassion and cares for his children and can be there emotionally. Father who cares for the future of the children what sense is it to buy the best clothes and your children don't have a spiritual life or a good education. Fathers who choose to love themselves more than your wives and soon as time plays out you would lose everything. You blame everything else but not recognizing your choice changed her and it's not she is against you but your choice has caused her to become a different individual. Make hay while the sun shines. You're a movie played out before your children's eyes they see you skipping church to gain wealth and you are advancing but deep down they are discontented because money can not answer their need that is screaming out. I would to God that the hand of the Lord would pull us out of this misery we have landed in. One of the causes of this misery in society is Fathers who have not governed themselves by a godly principle. When we shout at our children as rebellious but it starts out with a wrong choice.

Certainly, we have made good choices but there are areas to still grow and care and love and become better fathers. Great families build great churches but it begins with the head of the house - the Father.

Many mothers have to deal with everything but let's take back our rightful place and ask the Lord to help us and take us back. We want to be what God wants us to be and be a father as He is. How can you satisfy your needs and your family is not satisfied the scripture says you are worse than an unbeliever.