

The story of Lot Pt 1

2 Pet 3:6-8

- When you read these verses about Lot without knowing the full story one may think that the people of Sodom held Lot against his will and made him watch their ungodly lifestyle and sinful deeds. But that is not the case, in fact when we look at the life of Lot there are many spiritual lessons that we can glean from his life.
- **Gen 11:27-31** we see the genealogy of Abraham, and how his father Terah took him from Ur of the Chaldeans to Haran and that's where they settled until the death of his father. **Gen 12:1-7**- The Lord tells Abraham to leave his family why?
- **Josh 24:1-2** says they were idolaters who served other gods, so God separates Abraham from them, but Lot decides to go. We don't hear of God telling Abraham to bring any of his family but his nephew decides to tag along having nothing else for him as his father died, and his grandfather who looked after him.
- **Gen 12:10-20** Abraham because of a famine decides to take shelter in Egypt, which is a type of the world, he never was told to go there. Sarah is asked by Abraham to lie about their marriage fearing that she will be noticed and then Pharoah will have him killed in order to take her as his wife, it happens she is noticed and she does what Abraham says and Pharoah takes her as his wife and rewards Abraham with gold, silver and male and female servants, which he takes as a dowry for Sarah.
- Where is Abraham's faith? He should know that God has made him a promise, but when you are already out of position it's hard to walk in faith on what you know God has said, for disobedience weakens our trust in God and His Word, and causes us to rely on our flesh and our abilities. Notice in the end Abraham should have been testifying The Lord to Pharoah but because of his disobedience is rebuked by Pharoah for his deception, how many Christians find themselves in this same boat?

- That was the journey this is the separation: **Gen 13:1-13**- Abraham and Lot both have gotten rich from being in Egypt, and now their herdsmen are fighting over the best grazing fields. Abraham finally realizes he and Lot need to separate as they are on two different paths, Abraham being the eldest should choose first, but he is gracious, Lot takes advantage as he should have said uncle you have been so good to me I insist you choose as God is speaking through you not me, but he doesn't.
- Notice when Lot chooses he chooses based on greed not faith, he picks the best grazing fields not caring that it is around the most ungodly of people and places. Folks choose jobs, recreation, vacations, where they'll live, who they'll marry, where they go to church, not based upon what's best for their faith, but based on their convenience and comfort, they don't care if it negatively affects their walk in Christ.
- **Gen 14:11-12** nine kings get into a fight five against four and one of the kings that is caught in the conflict happens to be the king of Sodom. His side loses and the other kings invade Sodom and take some of their citizens captive, one of which is Lot, hold on, how is lot take, I thought he lived near Sodom, he did, but in time he decides to move into Sodom and it cost him his freedom, as he is taken captive.
- Here is the rescue of Lot: **Gen 14:13-24** Abraham finds out and he arms three hundred and eighteen men and go after his nephew, they attack lot's captors and free Lot and all the others and on his way back meets Melchizedek the King of Salem who happens to be a priest also. His name means Righteousness and Salem short for Jerusalem means peace, they break bread he blesses Abraham gives him a tithe.
- Also of note Abraham has learned his lesson from taking things from the world, he refuses the reward from the king of Sodom understanding that God had great plans for him and he didn't want the world to take credit for it > **Gen 15:1**- God says "do not be afraid, I Am your shield and your exceedingly great reward".
- Notice Lot was initially near Sodom but now he is in Sodom, and was taken captive for it, you would think that he has learned his lesson but he hasn't. Also in chapter sixteen Abraham is going to experience the long term affects of being in Egypt as Hagar whom he got from Egypt is going to be used to cause a division that we still experience today, as both Sarah and Abraham try and help God out and per what happens when we do that, ends up hurting all of us for centuries to come.