### "Escape!" • Genesis 19:12-38

Mt. Lassen Community Church • September 7, 2025

**Intro** • How did God save you?

**Context** • In our midweek study this week, we looked at God sending His angels into Sodom to verify the sin of the city. Abraham has negotiated with God, and they've agreed—if 10 righteous people are found in the city, God will relent, and judgment will be withheld.

In **Vs 1–11**, Lot tries to protect the angels from the sexual advances of the men of the city but fails. They attack, trying to get through Lot's door. The angels even strike them blind, but they continue their lust–fueled rage. Sadly, the time for God's judgment has clearly arrived.

**Discuss** • What does this teach us of sin?

**Vs 12** - "whomever you have in the city" • Lot was a city leader, sitting in the gate, but had reached *no one* in the city! He didn't even reach his family, as we'll see.

Vs 13-14 • Lot's sons-in-law thought judgment was a joke.

Vs 15 • The time to flee has come.

**Vs 16 •** Lot **hesitates** (we'll see why in vs 19). So, the angels drag them out of the city—because of God's compassion!

**Discuss** • How did God drag us out of sin's darkness and into His light? See Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 2:23; Romans 10:17. And: How can we be like these angels to others? **Vs 17–20** • Now Lot **negotiates.** He just can't live in the hills. He must live in a city.

**Discuss** • What is Lot's problem? Why is the life of a nomadic herdsman so repulsive to him? What are the real spiritual issues here?

**Vs 21–23** • God allows Lot to go to "small town" Zoar. This is mercy upon mercy. And there is a lesson: God meets us where we are at. Sanctification is taking those small steps toward being like Jesus.

**Discuss** • How did God overcome your resistance, your hesitation, your negotiations? How is he still working with you? (Yes, this is a deep question—but an opportunity to remember God's compassion, grace and mercy in your life.)

Vs 24-26 • Lot's wife looks back and is turned to salt.

**Discuss** • See Luke 17:32–33. What did it mean that she looked back? What is the lesson?

**Vs 27–29** • We learn that God saves Lot because of Abraham. This emphasizes the importance of Abraham's Covenant. In the same way, God saves us by remembering the work of Jesus!

**Vs 30–38** • Lot's daughters: They were taken out of Sodom, but they brought Sodom with them.

**Discuss** • How many people did Lot rescue from Sodom? How about you? How are you influencing the world around you?

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LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND WHOEVER
LOSES HIS LIFE WILL PRESERVE IT.

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