



Journeys OF Faith

The God of

Abraham • Isaac • Jacob

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Genesis 18,19

“Obedience to God's Word is the watershed. And the failure of the evangelical world to take a biblical stand on the crucial issues of the day can only be seen as a failure to live life under the full authority of God's Word.”

Francis A. Schaeffer

“We want, in fact, not so much a father in heaven as a grandfather in heaven: a senile benevolence who, as they say, 'liked to see young people enjoying themselves' and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, 'A good time was had by all.'”

C.S. Lewis

HOSPITALITY

1 Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 When he lifted up his eyes and looked,
behold, three men were standing opposite
him; and when he saw them, he ran from the
tent door to meet them and bowed himself
to the earth,

8 He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate.

HOPE

9 Then they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

10 He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old,
advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing.

12 Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

13 And the LORD said to Abraham,
“Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I
indeed bear a child, when I am so old?’

14 Is anything too difficult for the LORD?
At the appointed time I will return to you,
at this time next year, and Sarah will
have a son.”

HELP

16 Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off.

17 The LORD said, "Shall I hide from
Abraham what I am about to do,

18 since Abraham will surely become a great
and [fn]mighty nation, and in him all the
nations of the earth will be blessed?

HINDERING

20 And the LORD said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.

23 Abraham came near and said,
“Will You indeed sweep away the
righteous with the wicked?”

24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

32 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

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Friendship with God 18

- Hospitality 1
- Hope 9-15
- Help 16-18
- Hindering 22-24

“Neutral men are the devil's
allies.”

Edwin Hubbel Chapin

“One way or the other we must go.
Decision is the virtue of the hour.”
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

HOSPITALITY

1 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."

3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

HOPELESS

4 Before they lay down, the men of the city,
the men of Sodom, surrounded the house,
both young and old, all the people from
every quarter;

5 and they called to Lot and said to him,
“Where are the men who came to you tonight?
Bring them out to us that we may have
relations with them.”

HELP

12 Then the two men said to Lot, “Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place;

13 for we are about to destroy this place,
because their outcry has become so great
before the LORD that the LORD has sent us
to destroy it.”

15 When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

16 But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

17 When they had brought them outside, one said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away.”

HINDERING

24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and
Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD
out of heaven,

25 and He overthrew those cities,
and all the valley, and all the inhabitants
of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But his wife, from behind him,
looked back, and she became
a pillar of salt.

Friendship with World 19

- Hospitality 1-3
- Hope 4,5
- Help 12,15-17
- Hindering 24-26

“The world has lost the power
to blush over its vice; the
Church has lost her power to
weep over it.”

Leonard Ravenhill

“If you don't make up your
mind, your unmade mind will
unmake you.”

E. Stanley Jones

Chose your friends well!

- Friendship with the World – temporal!
- Friendship with God – eternal!
- Friendship with the World – destructive!
- Friendship with God – blessing!
- Pascal's Wager

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	God Does Exist	God Doesn't Exist
I Do Believe	I Go To Heaven	Nothing Happens
I Don't Believe	I Go To Hell	Nothing Happens

Pascal's Wager

For what does it profit a man to gain
the whole world, and forfeit his soul?
For what will a man give in exchange
for his soul?

MARK 8:36,37