

**Sermon Notes – C'Mon Man!
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Genesis 13:5-13

Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land. So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left." Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere — this was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah — like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar. So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.

--the people you are 'connected' to will, to some degree, contribute to the blessings and the difficulties of your life!

Genesis 14:12 -They also took Lot, Abram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, for he was living in Sodom.

Gen 19:1 - The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city.

--Why do we continually return to toxic places? Why do we continually return to toxic relationships?

Ps 25:14 - 14 The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Gen 19:16 NIV - When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them.

--Progression of Sin: First, you move toward it, and then you dwell in it, until finally, it dwells in you!