



Victory Christian Center

A Foursquare Church

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forevermore.”

Hebrews 13:8

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Our purpose and mission: To know the heart of God through...

- Teaching/Worshipping/Giving/Serving

Our values: To reflect our love for God through the...

- Word of God/Worship of God/Work of God

Our desire is to reflect our love for people with dignity and respect,
to serve our community, to disciple individuals, and make an impact
among our youth.

Title: Don't look back (Lot-Hebrew hidden/veil)

Scriptures:

Genesis 18:16-33 Abraham pleads with God

Genesis 19:1-29 Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brother, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 3:12-14**

Perspective on Lot:

- Lot was a nephew of Abraham. In nature was a good person.
- Lot chose Sodom and Gomorrah because it looked good on the outside but the inside there was nothing but sinful people.
- Lot was living a steady life of compromise/no sense of urgency/he was positioned outside the gate-lingering.
- Lot was so messed up that he offered up his daughter's to be a part of something immoral.
- Sodom and Gomorrah-a wicked city.
- Abraham pleaded with God to spare Lot and his family. So God sent 2 angels to warn Lot.
- Lot's wife looked back (disobedient, attached to lifestyle, not committed).

Additional Scripture:

"And as they brought them out, one said, escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away." **Genesis 19:17**

"But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt."

Genesis 19:26

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. See, I am doing a new thing." **Isaiah 43:18**

Three signs God is telling you not to look back:

1. Is it making you look like Jesus or someone else? The character of Jesus is everything.
2. Is your heart more attached to the past than it is to God? Our daily walk with Jesus should be falling in love with Him everyday instead of what we want. It is normal to get attached to people, places, and things. The problem is if it is lining up with God's plan for you or is it a distraction from His plan? We can get so used to lingering around something that is not good for us we often don't recognize we are in a bad situation. We live a compromised life.
3. Has God removed you away from something that has an influence over your life but you keep hanging around? Tell me who you hang around with and I will tell you who you will become. Outside of your walk with Jesus, find people that will be a positive influence and gear you back to Christ.

It is the mercy and grace of God that pulls us out many times because He knows what we are involved in will destroy us. We can get so used to doing things our way we only hear our voice and not His. It is His voice we need to hear, it is His direction that guides our steps, and it is His example we need to follow.

Paul encouraged the church to strain, and to press forward in their walk with Christ. Remember what you are working for-citizenship in heaven. Living with Christ is our ultimate goal. To reign, to worship, and have eternal fellowship is worth us placing Him first and our focus upon every day.