



**Date:** 3-3-2024

**Scripture:** Genesis 19: 1-29 (LSB)

**Sermon Title:** The Decay of Compromise

**Context:**

### **Four Acts**

Act 1 – Genesis 19:1-14 – Visitors arrive in Sodom and announce its destruction.

Act 2 – Genesis 19: 15-22 – Visitors spare Lot

Act 3 – Genesis 19:23-26 – The Lord destroys the cities.

Act 4 – Genesis 19:27-29 – Th Aftermath

### **Act 1**

#### **Genesis 19:1-3 (LSB)**

1 Then the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. Lot saw [them] and 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 pressed them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made a feast for them and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

**1. The compromise of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Genesis 19:4-5 LSB**

4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, from young to 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 know them."

**Genesis 19:6-8 LSB**

6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway and shut the door behind him, 7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. 8 "Now behold, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them what is good in your eyes; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof."

Three appeals made by Lot.

1. The appeal of morality – Do not act so wickedly.
2. The appeal of compromise. – two daughters
3. The appeal of kindness or hospitality. – These men are under my protection.

**2. The compromise of personal \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Genesis 19:9 LSB**

9 But they said, "Step aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came to sojourn, and already he is persistently acting like a judge; now we will treat you more wickedly than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and stepped up to break the door.

**Genesis 19:10-11 LSB**

10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, from small to great, so that they wearied [themselves trying] to find the doorway.

**Genesis 19:12-14 LSB**

12 Then the [two] men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and everyone 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 great before Yahweh, so Yahweh has sent us to destroy it."14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place, for Yahweh will destroy the city." But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

## **Act 2**

### **Genesis 19:15-17 LSB**

15 Now at the breaking of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you 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 Yahweh [was] upon him; and they brought him out and put him outside the city. 17 Now it happened, as they 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, lest you be swept away."

### **3. The compromise of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.**

### **Genesis 19:18-20 LSB**

18 But Lot said to them, "Oh no, my lords! 19 "Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by preserving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die; 20 now behold, this town is near [enough] to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) that my life may be preserved."

### **Genesis 19:21-22 LSB**

21 And he said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. 22 "Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

### **Act 3**

### **Genesis 19:23-26 LSB**

23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24 And Yahweh rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh 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 Then his wife, from behind him, looked [back], and she became a pillar of salt.

4. The compromise of misplaced \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Act 4**

### **Genesis 19:27-29 LSB**

27 Now Abraham arose early in the morning [and went] to the place where he had stood before Yahweh; 28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace. 29 Thus it happened, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

**The call of our culture:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Risk:**

- 1.
- 2.

**Additional Scripture:**

**Ezekiel 16:48-50 LSB**

48 "As I live," declares Lord Yahweh, "Sodom your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. 49 "Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had lofty pride, abundant food, and quiet ease, but she did not strengthen the hand of the afflicted and needy. 50 "Then they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. So I removed them when I saw [it].

**Luke 17:28-33 LSB**

28 "It was the same as in the days of Lot--they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 "It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. 31 "On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out, and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. 32 "Remember Lot's wife. 33 "Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses [his life] will preserve it.

**2 Peter 2:6-10 LSB**

6 and [if] He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing [them] to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly [lives] thereafter; 7 and [if] He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard [that] righteous man, while living among them, felt [his] righteous soul tormented day after day by [their] lawless deeds), 9 [then] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially

those who go after the flesh in [its] corrupt lust and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they blaspheme glorious ones,

**Jude 1:6-7 LSB**

6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, having indulged in the same way as these in gross sexual immorality and having gone after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

**Leviticus 18:22 LSB**

22 'And you shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11 LSB**

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither [the] sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor [the] greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

### **Life Group Questions:**

Get to know you question (optional):

1. Do you prefer living in a small community or a large city (and why)?
2. Read Genesis Chapter 19:1-29 (prior to life group): When you read through the scripture take note of anything interesting, unique, or questions that come to mind when reading. Take some time and dig in deeper in the following areas.

### **Genesis 19:4-8**

In what ways does Lot compromise with the Sodomites? How do you think this compromise impacts his relationships? In the context of this culture what is Lot most concerned about? What is the possible danger when we try and interpret scripture from our context, values, and world view?

### **Genesis 19:23-26**

Why does Lot's wife look back at Sodom? Why do you think God punished her for this but not Lot for his reluctance? Does this seem fair?

In what ways can we begin to compromise with our culture? What is the reason we are willing to compromise?