

**Beginnings: Abraham: The Seeds of Faith**  
**Trusting God To Do The Right Thing**  
**Genesis 18:16 – 19:38**  
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Intro: Sodom and Gomorrah were on the Jordan River plain just above the current Dead Sea. It was compared to the garden of Eden. Jude 1:7 spoke of the immorality and wickedness of these cities where Lot and his family eventually made their home. Abraham loved Lot and even pleaded for Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of the righteous.

Every person can successfully walk with Christ in righteousness if they recognize the four truths about sin from Lot's life:

**I. We will always be drawn \_\_\_\_\_ if we \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 27:7; 1 Peter 5:8).**

\_\_\_\_\_ - a powerful need that causes us to look anywhere for acceptance and relationship

\_\_\_\_\_ - at times can be an insatiable need that will cause us to embrace even the most wicked people

~Lot set off in the wrong direction (13:11), set up tents facing (13:12), and sat at the gates (19:1) of Sodom.

**II. We will eventually \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives when we \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ with sin (1 Cor. 15:33).**

~Lot knew the men were wicked (19:3-7) but offered his daughters to appease them (19:8).

If not for \_\_\_\_\_, all of us would end up like \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 5:21).

"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." — Timothy J. Keller

**III. We can know that God \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ will perish (2 Peter 2:4-10).**

~After those Lot warned mocked him (19:14) Lot still hesitated to leave and listen (19:16-17).

*for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish—Psalm 1:6*

**IV. We will still know the \_\_\_\_\_ even in our salvation, until Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 21:4).**

~Lot lost his possessions (19:24-25), his friends, his wife (19:26) and his daughters (19:30-38)

"When all is said and done, the life of faith is nothing if not an unending struggle of the Spirit with every available weapon against the flesh." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

**Conclusion** The average person spends 3 hours a day watching television or on digital media, imagine what our society would look if Christians spent their three hours with the LORD reading his Word. We must make time for the things that are important in life, without the time for the important, sin waits at the door of our lives and will be all too happy to fill the void.

**This Week's Songs:**

*Grace Alone*  
*Blessed Assurance*  
*I Wait*  
*Revelation Song*

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### **Small Group Questions**

\*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

### **The COMMUNITY:**

1. What sermon during this series had the greatest impact on your thinking and why?

### **Into the WORD/APPLICATION:**

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org), [desiringgod.org/articles/all](http://desiringgod.org/articles/all), [biblos.com](http://biblos.com), [ccel.org](http://ccel.org), [logos.com](http://logos.com), [connect.ligonier.org](http://connect.ligonier.org), [thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology](http://thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology).

1. Read Genesis 18:16-19:38 and answer the following questions

- a. Why did the LORD allow Abraham to know about the justice He would execute on Sodom and Gomorrah?

- b. How can Abraham's prayer to the LORD in 18:22-33 shape the way we pray?

- c. What does Abraham's prayer reveal to us about the character of God?

- d. What does sin do if we tolerate it as Lot did? (see also James 1:14-15)

- e. Why was God just in destroying Sodom and Gomorrah?

- f. What should we take away from Genesis 19?