Sodom’s Depravity

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And they said, “No, but we will spend the night in the open square.”

3 But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. 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 carnally.”

6 So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, 7 and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

9 And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. 10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled 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, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.

Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

12 Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! 13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.” 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of
his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.”

18 Then Lot said to them, “Please, no, my lords! 19 Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. 20 See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.”

21 And he said to him, “See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for 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.

23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

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27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. 28 Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. 29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

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Lot Offers His Daughters

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Oh my. Did you notice that Mrs. Lot is silent as Lot offers their two virgin daughters to the men of Sodom? Do you know women like Lot’s wife who lets their husband make all the important decisions and never speak up?

According to Proverbs 17:1 and 1 Peter 3:1-6, what are some of the advantages of wifely silence?

What are the dangers, if any of being of being a silent partner in a marriage relationship?

Where do you fall on the scale of quiet to noisy?

What do the following verses teach us about how God can work in the quiet moments of our lives?

Job 6:24
Psalm 23:2-3
Zephaniah 3:17
DAY 2

An Illustration of Grace

Read 2 Peter 2:4-9. Why did God spare Lot and his family?

Lot dragged his feet the entire journey. How can you explain God’s patience with Lot? See Nehemiah 9:31.

Think of an example in the last week or so when you tried God’s patience.

Read 2 Peter 3:9. What is God patiently waiting for you to do?

If you were to “get what you deserve” from God, what would that be? See Romans 6:23.

In 1 Timothy 1:16 we learn why the gift of grace is extended to us. Rewrite that powerful verse in your own words, applying it to your own faith journey.
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Lot Tells His Sons-In-Law

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Why do you think Lot’s sons-in-law didn’t take him seriously?

If you were in Lot’s shoes, having to tell your family their world was going to end, what would their reaction be?

What does Luke 6:22-23 tell us to do when we are scorned for sharing our faith?

The following verses are meant to encourage you. Note how they do so.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Ephesians 6:7-8

Colossians 3:23-24
DAY 4

Lot Changes the Plan

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Why did Lot ask to run to Zoar rather than to the mountains?

Were you surprised at the angelic man’s willingness to change his plans? Why do you think he agreed?

Read Exodus 4:10-15 to see how Moses bargained with God. What did Moses use as an excuse not to do what the Lord asked of him?

Whether we argue with God or go willingly, what is the result – in Lot’s situation, in Moses’s case, in our own lives?
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A Fateful Ending

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Do you think Lot’s wife intentionally chose death over life? Why or why not?

Below are ten reasons Lot’s Wife may have turned back toward Sodom. Which one makes the most sense to you? Or is the reason not on this list?

1. She missed the warning over the wailing of her daughters.
2. In her grief she simply forgot the angel’s dire prediction.
3. She was curious.
4. She dropped something and turned to pick it up.
5. She tripped over her tunic in her haste.
6. She heard a cry for help and was moved by compassion to look.
7. She mourned her family and friends, lost to her forever.
8. She longed for all the material goodies she had left behind.
9. She clung to memories of the past and dreaded her future.
10. She didn’t trust her husband’s God.
11.

Why do you think we aren’t told more about Lot’s wife in this story and, in particular, about her decision to turn back?

What is your biggest take-away from the story of Lot’s wife?