

GOD RESCUES LOT

God rescues sinners from a sinful world by His grace.


THE STORY: GENESIS 19:1-14*

* Be aware that verses 4-11 speak rather frankly about sexual perversion. You may want to use a Bible version such as the ESV which refers to sexual relations as “knowing.”

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God’s judgments are not to be mocked. When Lot was told that the city of Sodom was about to be destroyed, he urged the men who were pledged to marry his daughters to flee with them, but the men did not come and were destroyed with the rest of the city. They passed up the opportunity to be saved. God warned them through Lot, yet they did not heed the warning. It is easy for us to see the wickedness of Sodom because we are outside looking in. But people in the midst of sin and people surrounded by sinning friends are often very blind to it.

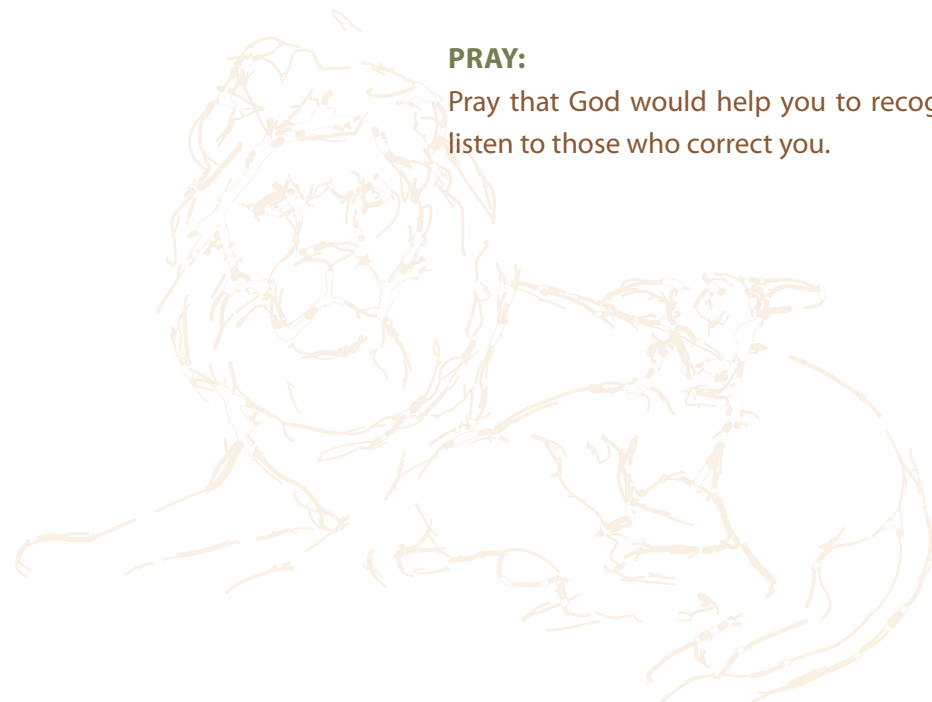
TALK ABOUT IT:

What can we do to ensure that we don’t make the same mistake that Lot’s prospective son-in-laws did? (*We can study God’s Word and listen to it and children can open up their lives to parents asking for their help in recognizing sin. Psalm one tells us not to stand in the way of sinners and Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:33 that “Bad company corrupts good character.”*)

Give your children an opportunity to ask for your ongoing input into their lives.

PRAY:

Pray that God would help you to recognize sins around you and in your life and listen to those who correct you.





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TALK ABOUT IT:

How is Lot like a child? *(A child disobeys his or her father or mother even when their father and mother know what is best.)*

What should this teach us about obedience? *(We don't need to understand to obey. We obey by faith. This is true of God's Word and a parent's word as well.)*

PRAY:

Ask God to help you respond to God's word and that of your parents.



Where is Jesus?

Lot left Abraham to venture on his own, choosing to pitch his tent near the sinful peoples of Sodom. Lot gave no objection to Abraham in sending him away. Lot did not seem to mind leaving the man who God promised would be a blessing to all peoples. In spite of Lot striking out on his own to seek earthly blessings instead of the blessing that comes from God, God spared him.

Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we too can be spared from our sinful choices and our running away from the promises of God to pitch our tents in a world of sin. Peter uses the story of Lot to encourage us in our own struggle with sin.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Why should we be encouraged by Lot's rescue? *(If God can save a man like Lot from his foolish mistakes and take care to send angels down for a personal rescue, then God can rescue you and me.)*

PRAY:

Pray for God's rescue. We are all like Lot, in need of a personal rescue from Jesus.



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“Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.” (Nahum 1:6-7)

TALK ABOUT IT:

Who was saved from the destruction of Sodom? *(Lot and his daughters.)*

Why was Lot’s wife not spared? *(Lot’s wife didn’t believe. When she was instructed not to look back she didn’t believe that God had her best interest at heart. This was ultimately rebellion against God, not just a simple error.)*

How is the judgment of Sodom a good warning for us? *(The judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah is meant to be a sober warning of the promised fire judgment that is coming upon the whole earth. Sodom is also a picture of the judgment of hell from which we need to be saved. Every description of judgment in the Old Testament is an opportunity for us to remember the grace of the Gospel.)*

PRAY:

Thank God for sending Jesus to take our judgement so that we can be forgiven.





Jesus referred to himself when he quoted this passage of Isaiah in Matthew 12:18-21. Take a moment and look it up and read it.

On the road to Emmaus.

TALK ABOUT IT:

How does this passage relate to Jesus? (*Jesus is the servant of His Father, He is the chosen one in whom His Father delights, and He is the one who brings justice to the nations.*)

When did the Spirit of God come upon Jesus? (*The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove at his baptism.*)

PRAY:

Thank God for sending His Son Jesus to take our sins upon the cross.

