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SCRIPTURE

*Genesis: 19:6-8; 19:30-36; 20:2 and
20:11-12 Genesis 19:6-8*

Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."



NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

05 January 2025

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Genesis 19:30–36

Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. One day the older daughter said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man around here to give us children—as is the custom all over the earth. Let's get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father."

That night they got their father to drink wine, and the older daughter went in and slept with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up.

The next day the older daughter said to the younger, "Last night I slept with my father. Let's get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and sleep with him so we can preserve our family line through our father." So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up.

So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father.

Genesis 20:2

And there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.

Genesis 20:11–12

Abraham replied, "I said to myself, 'There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.' Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife."

OBSERVATION

There is a pattern to observe—someone using someone else for the protection and preservation of life.

In Chapter 19, Lot used his daughters, who were pledged for marriage in exchange for protecting the two men. Same with the daughters, Lot's daughter used their father to continue the family's lineage.

In Chapter 20, Abraham used his wife/sister to protect himself from danger, even though it was consented to.

To preserve and protect life, someone else was sacrificed for personal intentions—whether righteous or not.

Reflection and Application

Contrary to Christ, Christ didn't use us for selfish gain. As a matter of fact, he selflessly gave himself up for us.

Christ granted us the beautiful privilege of being receivers of selfless giving. We ought to follow the new pattern of selfless giving that exemplifies because we are receivers of grace.



By Grace Ong

Grace Ong works in FBC and serves in the Youth Ministry

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 19:17

As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

Genesis 19:26

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

Observation & Application

Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt. The question: 'Why'? In the narrative, we are not given a reason for why she looked back. She could have tripped and glanced over the city, she could have looked back to check if her daughters were catching up, she could have looked back to see if her sons-in-law decided to change their mind and follow along. None of which seems fair for her to be turned to salt.

On the contrary, Abraham also glanced over the city (v27) but he did not turn to salt. So why?

The answer can be found in Luke 17v32; salvation was given to Lot and his family. They were given the news that the city would be destroyed and there were far greater things that lay ahead of them apart from Sodom, but Lot's wife lusted over the prospects that 'the city may be sinful, but the opportunity to flourish is more'.



Thus she turned to salt. God is demonstrating a really tough lesson (to both in Genesis and Luke), you can't choose to live in either world (for contextual purposes .. Luke is speaking about the arrival of God's kingdom and we are given a choice to enter the kingdom of heaven or remain in the kingdom of the world). We either give up our sinful life and pursue Christ, or we drop Christ, pursue the life we always wanted to live, and turn to salt.

Question

Right now, while still 'young' I have the vigor and strength to run after Christ, but as I grow older, would I eventually start to turn back?



By Ivan Khoo

Ivan serves in the Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry with roles such as the discussion group leader, registration team, and youth committee

Prayer Among the Saints

I thank God for the opportunity to sit in silence and pray among the saints. The silence that challenges our everyday hustle and bustle in life – it is through this silence that we can be still in You and listen to You who is ever ready to speak to us for we often do not hear and dismiss You.

And so I ask O God for whenever we enter Your throne room of mercy with hearts abandoned, You will assure us that we may come as we are. I pray You will be close to the brokenhearted and crushed in spirit. To those whose hopes seem lost and the darkness seems overwhelming, there You will be – You will not rebuke or reproach us, for You are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. And Your light will overcome and lead us in the way everlasting. As we lay our heavy burden and weary hearts O God, I pray You will give us strength to do all things that seem impossible in our mere mortal capabilities. I pray that You will be that drive and force to keep our fires burning, our passion in the work You have gifted us to do and the joy to rejoice in all circumstances. That we may throw everything off that hinders and the sin that entangles us here in this world, that we may rest in the finished work on the cross, and to fix our eyes on our Saviour King, the Pioneer, and perfecter of faith.

Therefore, as one Church, one faith, and one anthem raised to God that we may become a prayerful church – the strong core and support system to the body of Christ that grows spiritually abundant and produces the fruit of the Spirit.

And in that one cross, one grace, one Name that saves, let not the enemy have a footstool in the crevices of our un-repentant sins, the bits and pieces of our flaws and weaknesses that could have a way to tear us apart and go astray. May we be vigilant and watchful in our prayers for one another that keep our bond, love, and unity firm in Christ Jesus.





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Tuesday,
31 December 2024
9.00pm
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Sunday,
2 February 2025
8.45am
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