



Studying the Life Principles of **Lot**

*“Set your affection on things above, not
on things on the earth.”*

Colossians 3:2

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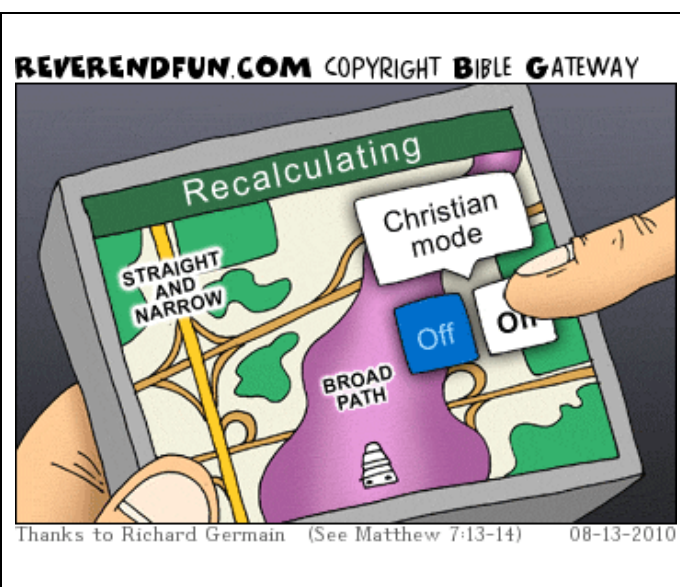
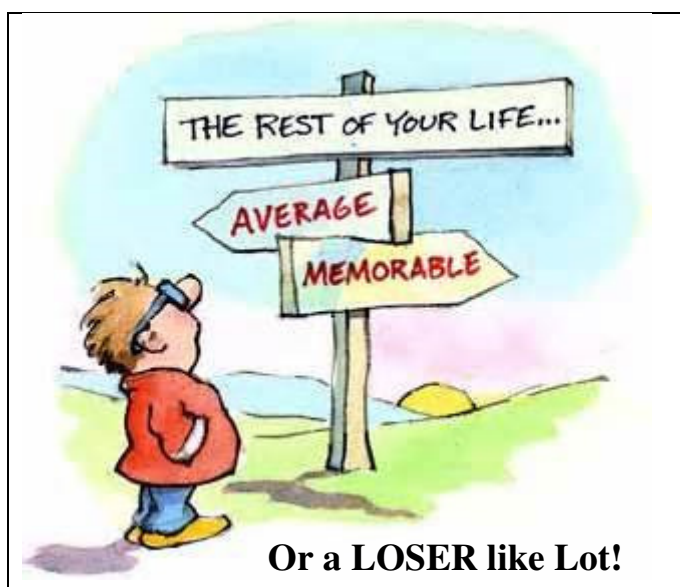
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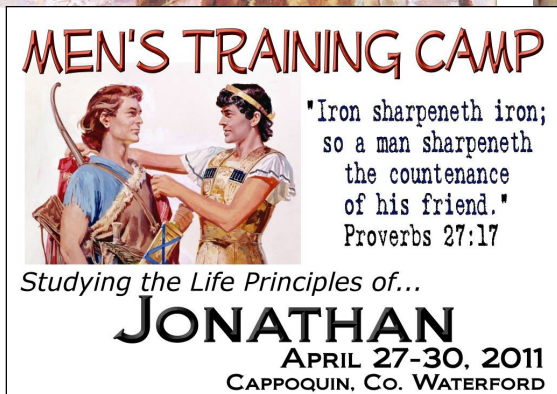
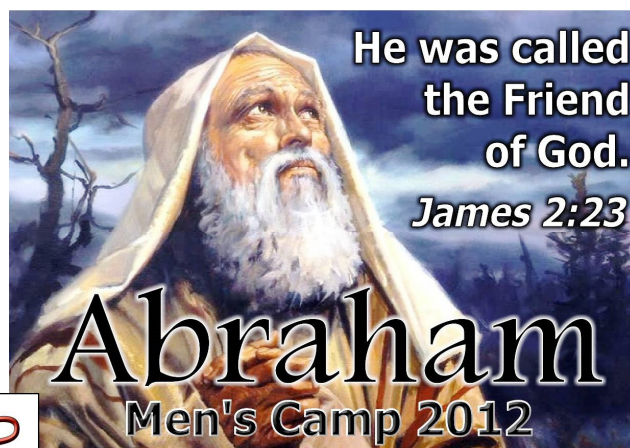
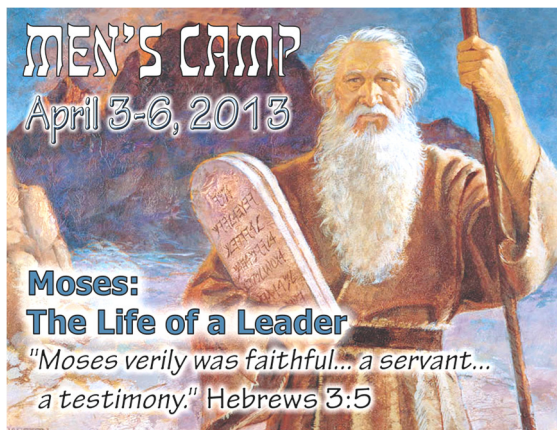
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Schedule of Events

| Time | Duration | Main Function | Support Function |
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| WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL | | | |
| 2:00pm | | Start Arriving at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner | |
| 3:00pm | 2:30 hr | Sports Time | <i>Clean-up</i> |
| 5:30pm | 1:30 hr | Dinner (<i>Burgers w/ Bacon, Cheese & Chips</i>) | |
| 7:00pm | 1:30 hr | Settle In | |
| 8:00pm | 1:30 hr | 1st Session – Intercessory Prayer | Dan Eberly |
| 9:30pm | 2 hr | Fellowship Time Snack (<i>Tea, Coffee, pie, ice-cream</i>) | |
| 11:30am | 8:00hrs | Sleep | |
| THURSDAY 24TH APRIL | | | |
| 7:30am | 1:15 hr | Wake-Up and Shower | <i>Prepare Breakfast</i> |
| 8:45am | 1:15 hr | Prayer Breakfast (<i>Scrambled Eggs, Porridge, etc.</i>) - Men's Pray Grps | |
| 10:00am | 30 min | Break | |
| 10:30am | 1:30 hr | 2nd Session – Introducing Lot | Craig Ledbetter |
| 12:00pm | 1 hr | Lunch (<i>Soup & Sandwiches, etc.</i>) | |
| 1:00pm | 4 hrs | Hiking, Hill Walking, and Sports | <i>Prepare Dinner</i> |
| 5:00pm | 1:45 hr | Dinner (<i>Lasagne, Salad, Garlic Bread, etc.</i>) | |
| 6:45pm | 1:15 hr | 3rd Session – Making Some Wise Choices | Layton Kelly |
| 8:00pm | 1:15 hr | Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Free Time | |
| 9:15pm | 1:30 hr | 4th Session – Converting A Carnal Heart | Dan Canavan |
| 10:00pm | 1:30 hr | Bonfire and Group Prayer Time | |
| 11:30am | 8:00hrs | Sleep | |
| FRIDAY 25TH APRIL | | | |
| 7:30am | 1:15 hr | Wake-Up and Shower | <i>Prepare Breakfast</i> |
| 8:45am | 30 min | Quiet Time Devotions | |
| 9:15am | 1 hr | Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Beans, Sausage, Cereal, etc.</i>) | |
| 10:15am | 1:15 hr | 5th Session – Facing the Sins of Sodom | Craig Ledbetter |
| 11:30am | 30 min | Break | <i>Prepare Lunch</i> |
| 12:00pm | 45 min | Lunch (<i>Hot Dogs, Chips, Soup, etc.</i>) | |
| 12:45pm | 5:30 hrs | Hiking, Hill Walking, and Sports | |
| 6:15pm | 1:00 hr | Dinner (<i>BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Salad, Potatoes, etc.</i>) | |
| 7:15pm | 1:15 hr | 6th Session – How to Save Your Family | Chris Stohl |
| 8:30pm | 45min | Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Free Time | |
| 9:15pm | 1:30 hr | POP-CORN PREACHING | |
| 10:45pm | 1:15 hr | Free Time | |
| 12:00am | 7:30hrs | Sleep | |
| SATURDAY 6TH APRIL | | | |
| 7:30am | 1 hr | Wake-Up and Shower | <i>Prepare Breakfast</i> |
| 8:30am | 45min | Breakfast (<i>Porridge, Cereal, etc.</i>) | |
| 9:15am | 1:30 hr | 7th Session – How NOT to Finish Like Lot | Les Hill |
| 10:45am | 1 hr | Pack-up and clean-up | |
| 11:45pm | 45min | Lunch (<i>Sandwiches, Crisps, etc.</i>) | |
| 12:30pm | | Final Clean-up, Leave for Home | |

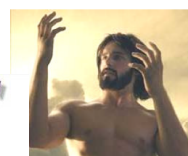
Men of Faith We Have Studied Through the Years



Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2010

Mt Melleray Scouting Centre

Studying the Life Principles of **Adam**



"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7

Taking Responsibility

Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2008

*Bandon Faith Mission Camp
27th - 29th March, 2008*

Studying the Life Principles of Job



"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:21

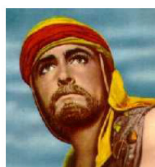
Holding Fast in Times of Trial

MEN of FAITH

Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2009

Bandon Faith Mission Camp

Studying the Life Principles of **Joshua**



"But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see." Deuteronomy 3:28

Preparing to Lead

Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2006

Muckcross Venture Centre, Killarney

Studying the Life Principles of:



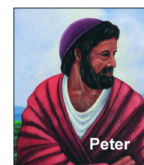
"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD" Jonah 2:7

Doing the Will of God from the Heart!
(Ephesians 6:6)

Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2007

Bandon Faith Mission Camp

Studying the Life Principles of:



"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:31,32

Old Habits Die Hard!
But the CAN die... on the cross!

Timothy
2005

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Retreat Room Layout Map



Special Songs

Faithful Men

I am looking to Jesus, giving all in the race,
pressing upward to gain the heavenly prize!
Faithful men are my witness,
who have struggled for Christ,
and they watch from the grandstands in the sky!

Chorus

Faithful men... have gone before us!
Faithful men... who fight and stand!
I want to fol-low in their footsteps!
Make me Lord... a faithful man!

Jacob joined with the faithful; Joseph followed behind;
Moses ran with the mighty men of old!
There was David and Daniel; Then came Peter and Paul.
Now they shout as they run on streets of gold!
(To Chorus)

End of the last Chorus

Make me Lord... a faithful man.
Make me Lord, a *faith-ful* man!



A Few Good Men

What this dying world could use, Is a willing man of God
Who dares to go against the grain, And work without applause
A man who'll raise the shield of faith, Protecting what is pure
Whose love is tough and gentle, A man whose word is sure

God doesn't need an orator, Who knows just what to say
He doesn't need authorities, To reason Him away
He doesn't need an army, To guarantee a win
He just needs a few good men!

Chorus

Men full of love compassion, Who'll laugh and love and cry
Men who'll face eternity and aren't afraid to die
Men who'll fight for freedom and honour once again
He just needs a few good men

He calls the broken derelict whose life has been renewed
He calls the ones who know his Son to stand up for the truth
Enlistment lines are open and he wants you come in
He just needs a few good men

To Chorus

The Lot Song

Lot travelled along with Abraham,
he left his home behind
His faith was small, but focused on,
the Promised Land to find!
But the Promised Land it lost it's worth,
when Sodom came in view
So... with peace of mind his choice was made –
but the will of God he blew!



Now, from that choice, he's all alone, and caught in a war with kings
If not for faithful Abraham, he'd lose most every-thing
So Abram fought and risked his life, for a nephew far from the Lord
But, Lot... didn't see where his choices led... or where he was headed toward

He lived in Sodom like everyone else, he got along just fine
Lot rose to power and sat in the gate, not minding living with swine
How far from God can we find ourselves - just, how low can we go?
Our... choices have such consequence; you'll al-ways reap what you sow!

Chorus

*Oh "set your affection, on things above, not on things on the earth"
Right choices are made, with heaven in view, not sin's fleeting worth
It's the only way, to beat sins' wages - to escape, the wrath to come!
So we'll stay to the course, never looking back - our eyes only on God's Son*

Finally God's judgment came, His patience had run out
Fire and brimstone would come down, Lot's future was in doubt!
And once again, ol' Abraham, God's mercy he would plea
For... Lot's, end was coming his world was lost and all he could-do was flee

Lot started well, he had a faith, that walked along with God
But quickly Lot had traded faith for Sodom's bright facade
This righteous man though saved by grace, was still a servant of sin
If, he'd... only yielded to God's word, not trusting his heart within

Final Chorus

*Oh "set your affection, on things above, not on things on the earth"
Right choices are made, with heaven in view, not sin's fleeting worth
It's the only way, to beat sins' wages - to escape, the wrath to come!
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Scriptures to Memorize

Memorize and then Meditate on these Scriptures throughout the Retreat for best effect on your mind and heart!

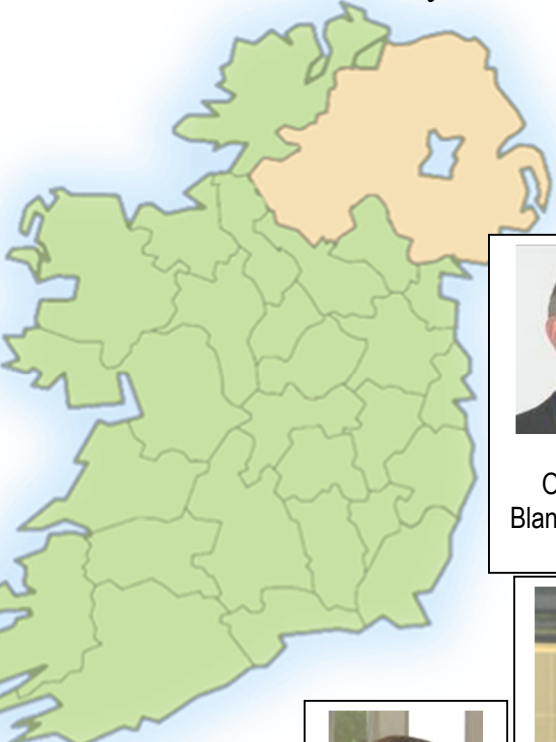
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| Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. | 1st Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. |
| 2nd Peter 2:7,8 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) | Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. |
| Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. | Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. |
| Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. | Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. |
| 2nd Peter 2:6 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. | 1st Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. |

James 5:19,20

Brethren, if any of YOU do err from the truth, and one CONVERT him; Let him know, that he which converteth the (Christian) sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

If You Believe the Bible... then, You're Not Alone

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland
Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God's Men!



No one is in Killarney

No one is in Athy

No one is in Kildare

No one is in Carlow

No one is in Dundalk

No one is in Drogheda

No one is in Tralee

No one is in Tipperary

No one is in Youghal

No one is in Clonmel

No one is in Wexford

No one is in Port Laoise

No one is in Sligo

No one is in Ennis

No one is in Castlebar

No one is in Ballina

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Ballincolliq, Cork

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Carrick Baptist Church
Carrick-on-Shannon

Pastor Hutton
Mallow Bible Fellowship,
Mallow

Pastor Bowman
Golden Vale Baptist Church,
Charlieville

Pastor Wilson
Northwest Baptist, Derry, NI

Pastor Pittman
Lighthouse Baptist, Swords

Pastor O'Sullivan
Blanchardstown Baptist

Pastor Canavan
Faith Baptist Dundrum

Pastor O'Gorman
Lifegate Baptist Tallaght

Pastor McKinley
Good News Baptist Mullingar

Pastor Zemeski
Riverview Baptist, Leixlip

Pastor Hill
Gospel Light Baptist, Lucan

Pastor Parrow
Naas Baptist, Naas

Pastor Pero
Calvary Baptist Bray

Pastor Oriel
O'Gorman Arklow

Pastor Hamilton
An Carrig Baptist Church Limerick

Pastor Smith
Calvary Baptist Bishopstown, Cork

Pastor Thatcher
Anchor Baptist Waterford

Who else will join us to reach this island with the Gospel?



Introducing Lot

Genesis 11 – Genesis 19

Lot's Heritage & Wise Decision (Genesis 11:10-32)

The world-wide flood had taken place. Noah and his family emerged from the ark to a completely new world. Given the command to spread out and replenish the earth, the sons of Noah did just that. All three had many children and civilization continues on. Lot was a descendant of Noah's son, Shem. He was born in the land of Ur of the Chaldees (Babylon) to Abraham's brother, Haran. Lot had nearly the same background as Abraham and came from a very pagan culture. Lot's father died in Ur and Lot was unofficially adopted by his uncle, Abraham. Lot's grandfather, Terah, decided to leave Ur, along with Abraham, Sarah, and Lot. They eventually settled in a place called Haran.

After Terah dies, Abraham is called by God to leave Haran and to leave his family behind, except for Sarah. Abraham followed God, and Lot made the right decision in following his uncle. He had enough faith to believe in Abraham's God and to follow Abraham's faith. This bit of faith made him righteous in God's eyes (2Peter 2:7,8). And even though God was already blessing Abraham with material wealth, Abraham never focused on it – but Lot did.

From Haran to Egypt (Genesis 12)

As they are in Canaan, a great famine hit the country and Abraham decided to travel to and live in Egypt and out of the will of God. Lot continued with Abraham and got his first taste of the world's pleasures and riches. Abraham was afraid of Pharaoh and of the Egyptians for Sarah's sake and tried to deceive Pharaoh to protect himself. Sarah is taken into Pharaoh's house and Pharaoh blesses Abraham with great wealth for her. God then plagued Pharaoh and his house for this and Pharaoh realised the lie that Abraham told him, and demanded that Abraham leave Egypt. Abraham's deceit was a poor testimony to his nephew Lot.



Lot's Disastrous Decision (Genesis 13)

Abraham travels back to Bethel with Sarah and Lot and gets right with God. At this point, he is very rich in cattle, silver, and gold. Lot has also benefitted with great wealth for being with Abraham, but he never got his own relationship with God restored. Soon after settling back in Bethel, trouble arises between the shepherds of Abraham and Lot. They had accumulated so many herds that the land was unable to bear them both. Abraham offers a decision to Lot to make and gives him the first pick of wherever he would like to go. Instead of asking for Abraham's advice, Lot looks upon the well-watered plains of Jordan and sees the prosperity that he can achieve there. Now Lot gets to choose his own way. The plains of Jordan remind him of Egypt and he leaves to settle there, pitching his tent toward Sodom and the prosperity that city may give him. Even before he left, Lot knew that those men who lived in Sodom were very wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. Lot made the mistake thinking that their sin would not affect him and that he was stronger than that type of lifestyle.

The War of Kings (Genesis 14)

Soon, he is proven wrong and Lot is no longer living in the plains of Jordan and has moved to the city of Sodom. The first ever war mentioned in the Bible erupts around him and Sodom is captured. Lot is taken captive, along with his family and possessions. God would scarcely have bothered to record this pagan dog fight between nine heathen countries, were it not for these four words – “and they took Lot”! Lot still belonged to God even though Lot didn't act like it. A man who escaped from being captured finds Abraham and tells him what has happened. Abraham immediately decides to rescue his nephew with 318 trained servants who were born under Abraham's ownership. After a forced march with his allies, Abraham attacks by night with his small group against the huge army of the kings who had taken Lot captive and conquers them all. Lot is rescued and returns to Sodom with his recovered family and possessions. The amazing thing is, Abraham even rescues the wicked sinners of Sodom who also were captured. Sadly, what is disheartening about Lot is how he refused to leave the plains of Jordan even after his deliverance from captivity.

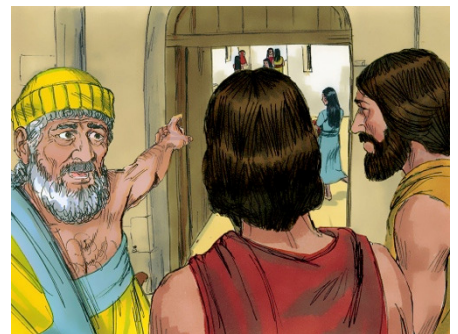
**Abraham Pleads for Sodom (Genesis 18) and especially for Lot**

After Lot spends the next thirteen years dwelling in Sodom, three visitors come to Abraham. The visitors are a pre-incarnation of Jesus Christ with two angels. They have first come to tell Abraham that he and Sarah will have a son within the year and will be fulfilling God's promise to them. As they begin to leave, God informs Abraham about what He is planning on doing to Sodom and Gomorrah because of their very grievous sin. He knew that Abraham has prayed for Lot and his family for many years and that he was burdened for his nephew to live for God. Abraham intercedes on Lot's

behalf several times while talking to God and finally asks God to spare those cities if there were ten righteous people living in them. Abraham surely thought that Lot and his family were enough for that number and that Lot had raised his family to live righteously and to love and fear God.

The Filth & Destruction of Sodom (Genesis 19:1-29)

That evening, the two angels come to Sodom and find Lot sitting at the gate, now an influential person in the city. As soon as Lot sees them, he bows before them and requests them to stay at his home for the evening. The angels were planning on staying in the streets that night to see the wickedness first-hand, but Lot presses upon them greatly to stay in his home, and they finally concede. Lot knows the danger these men are

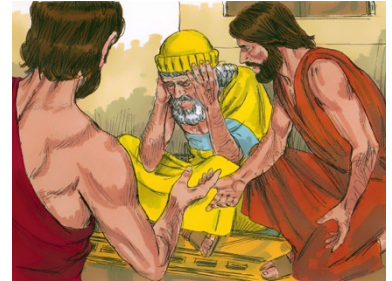


in if they stay in the street and the wickedness that would come upon them by the men of the city. Lot prepares them a great meal and everything appears to be going well for Lot and his guests.

Then the voices start to call from outside his door. While they had been eating, the men of the city, both young and old from every area in Sodom surrounded Lot's house. They had heard there were two men who had arrived into Sodom that had never been there before. These men were so wicked and perverse that they demanded Lot to hand over the angels to them so they could sexually abuse them. Lot comes out and shuts the door behind him, and entreats the

men that they do not harm the men inside his house. He even calls them his brethren! Lot even offers his two virgin daughters for them to sexually gang rape and abuse instead of the two men. The men rebuke Lot and begin pressing in upon him to harm him as well. Yet, the angels rescue Lot and pull him into the house. They inflict blindness upon all the men that came out to surround the house and the wicked men could not even find the door.

The angels know that their time is fast running out and that it is true what they have been told about Sodom. They then tell Lot what is going to happen to Sodom and Gomorrah and the regions surrounding these wicked cities. They ask if Lot has any other family in the city and for Lot to get them out of the city. Lot goes to his daughters and son-in-laws homes and warns them about the coming destruction. His son-in-laws laugh him to scorn and think he's joking with them. Sadly, Lot's compromising destroyed his integrity before his family.



Finally, as dawn starts to approach, Lot returns alone to his home. The angels hasten Lot to take his wife and two daughters out of the city. Lot delays so long that the angels end up grabbing their hands and brought them out of the city. The angels warn Lot to flee to the mountains and to not look back. Lot still does not believe that God will protect him and negotiates with the angels to spare the city of Zoar, so that he can go there instead. The angels agree to Lot's request and wait for Lot to leave so that the cities could be destroyed.

Lot's Tragic End (Genesis 19:30-38)

As soon as Lot and his family enter Zoar, the Lord rained fire and brimstone upon the cities and destroyed them completely. So complete was their destruction that no trace of Sodom or the other cities of the plain have been discovered. As the destruction was taking place, Lot's wife disobeyed the angel and looked back upon Sodom. She immediately turned into a pillar of salt. As the destruction went on, Lot leaves Zoar and goes into the mountains, allowing his fear to overrule his faith in God's protection and promise. Had he



stayed in Zoar, his daughters would not have considered their perverted sin that was influenced by their time in Sodom. Since they thought they were the last humans on earth, they decide to get their father drunk and commit incest with him to preserve the seed of mankind. Their sin would conceive into two children being born, and these children's descendants would always be the enemies of the nation of Israel. Sadly, the life of Lot ended in such a waste. Lot fled from God's promises and is never heard from again. Lot was a man who knew great prosperity, prestige, and praise and would end up losing everything he had because of his compromise with the world.

Lot – A Life Lived by Wrong Choices

Genesis 13:10,11 “*Then Lot chose...*”

Every believer has choices to make, and must consider the God ordained consequences as well as the benefits of every one of our choices! **KNOW THE FRUITS**, not just the **FUN**!

Lot always made his decisions ‘on the fly’ never realizing he would one day have to face all the consequences of those choices along with all the shame, guilt and regret! If you want a good ‘end’ you need to be making right choices along the way!

**See if you can figure which choices that Lot made were wrong,
and which were right.**

Circle R if it was a Right, or W if it was a Wrong Choice...

- R W Lot chose to believe and trust the God of Abraham
- R W He chose to leave Ur and to go to the Promised Land
- R W He chose to follow Abraham into Egypt when famine struck Canaan
- R W Lot chose to follow Abraham out of Egypt and **BACK** into the promised Land
- R W He made the decision to never build his own altar to personally worship God himself (but just rely on Abraham's spirituality)
- R W He made the decision to allow his herdsmen to get into bickering fights with Abraham's herdsmen (he could have put a stop to it at any time he wanted)
- R W Lot chose to separate himself from his godly uncle instead of separating himself from Sodom
- R W He chose all the opportunity that Sodom and the plains of Jordan offered him even though he knew how wicked they were
- R W He decided that the sins of others would not ever affect him
- R W He figured that where he and his family lived would not affect his family
- R W He believed that even though he had authority in Sodom, he would have their respect, which he didn't!
- R W He chose to return to Sodom after having been captured by 4 kings and armies
- R W He decided to compromise his standards as a father and a husband in order to make more money in Sodom
- R W He chose to treat visitors better than his own family
- R W Lot chose to let his own daughters be abused by an angry mob outside his home
- R W He decided to linger in Sodom even though he knew God's judgment was about to fall
- R W He chose to push for God to let him and his daughters stay in Zoar instead of flee to the mountains
- R W He chose to get drunk in his depression after the destruction of Sodom, instead of get right with God
- R W Lot chose to finally flee to the mountains from Zoar after Sodom was destroyed

The only way to **KEEP** from making all these same **WRONG** choices is to make **ONE** right choice at the start of every new day... Romans 13:14, “***But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.***”

Session One – Intercessory Prayer

Daniel Eberly – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

*“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;”
1 Timothy 2:1*

Sermon Notes:

Intro: What a great privilege and power is given to us to use on the behalf of others.

1. Intercessory Prayer is...

- A. First it is _____ us praying for what we want to see happen.
- B. Us praying for the _____ to be done in the lives of others.
- C. Us praying for the _____ or _____ of others.



2. Abraham _____ for Lot – Gen.18:23-33

3. The _____ of others in the Bible

- A. _____ interceded for Israel – Ex.32; Num.14
- B. _____ for his family – Job.1:5
- C. _____ for his people – Rom.10:1
- D. The _____ intercedes on our behalf – Rom.8; 26,27
- E. _____ for Us – Salvation! Is.53:12; Heb.7:25; 1Tim.2:5; Rom.8:34

4. What can we learn about ‘Intercessory Prayer’ from all this?

Conclusion Intercede: To get between a wayward sinner and God! Plead for a loved one!

Write the names of those souls you plan to pray (intercede) for!!!!

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A Man's Quiet Time

How Does a Real Man Walk with His God?

Please read this simple explanation of how to prepare your heart for a daily serious time with God through His word. It will make all the difference in the world to come humbly before the throne of grace. **Hebrews 4:16.** We need God's help!

Start with Prayer! Find yourself a place every day to get alone with God. Remember **Matthew 6:6** "*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...*" It is when we are *by ourselves* seeking the Lord that we hear His still, small voice. Start with opening your heart to God. Allow Him to do an inspection of what is in your thoughts and feelings. **Psalm 139:23** says, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.*" Be honest with yourself, and honest with God. Ask God to search for any sins you may have buried in your heart. **Psalm 139:24** says, "*And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*" David, realizing he had sinned against God, asked for a cleansing. God wants us all very clean in our hearts! **Psalm 51:2** says, "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*" Let God cleanse your life as you do the following three things: **1. Acknowledge** - admit the sins He reveals are there in your heart. **2. Confess** - admit that you have sinned before an all holy God. **3. Forsake** - leave each sin, abandoning everything that has separated you from God. Decide by God's power to quit doing the same sins that God reveals to you in your quiet time, and has already forgiven, and cleansed you from. Remember the Lord's promise - **1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Humble yourself. The Bible says in **Isaiah 57:15a**, "*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...*" We have a great need every day to humble ourselves as we prepare to walk with God. This means there must be a **personal brokenness** to cause us to always depend upon the Lord. God wants to fully "dwell" in our heart, but He will not force His way in, nor will He honour a sinful, wicked heart. Once your heart is clean, tell God you are coming under His perfect authority, and that you want to obey Him all day long. God desires to fellowship with you, but only with the right attitude!

Tell God what you need! Cast all your worries, cares, and every need upon Almighty God. He loves to answer our impossible prayers! He delights to have our strength renewed in our daily walk with Him. Believe God wants to give you a peace and strength far beyond what we are used to. So, pray about everything! Real men don't fight, get angry, frustrated, and defeated when things don't work out. Real men, pray and trust God to do for them every thing they themselves cannot do!

Read at least two chapters every day from Genesis to Revelation in your Bible!

Finally, Thank Him for His Blessings - Read and meditate on these verses. **Phil. 4:6** "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." **Col 4:2** "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." We have got a lot to be thankful for. Write some blessings on your heart and mind right now. Praise Him for His goodness to you!

Go now and have a great walk with the Lord... Every day

Personal Devotion – Thursday Morning

Seeking Godly Counsel (Genesis 13)

First Read Genesis 13: We all need to have godly counsel when we make decisions. Lot is a perfect example of how often we make a decision without ever asking godly counsel from others. When the strife erupted between the shepherds of Lot and Abraham,

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.” Proverbs 12:15

they could have settled the arguments and figured out a solution. Abraham offered to separate their flocks and herds to different grazing lands. He gave Lot the first pick of where Lot wanted to go. Lot NEVER asked Abraham's advice. He made a hasty decision based on sight and how he would gain from the well watered plains. Lot had learned to be a shepherd and manage them and in order for his flocks to grow, they needed good grazing and water. He made a hasty decision and never looked back to Abraham. Then, Lot is captured while Sodom is at war and everything he owned was seized. Abraham rescues him, but Lot never thanks his uncle and goes right back to Sodom. He never asks Abraham if he should stay in Sodom or to leave. Lot thought he knew best with his decisions, and in the end, it cost him everything.

Some thoughts about Seeking Godly Counsel: The Bible repeatedly says to seek counsel before making decisions. The best place to go for counsel is the Word of God. Yet, God has also given you people in your life that can help you make decisions. First of all, He has given you a pastor. Seek his counsel when you need to make an important decision. He has also given you parents and those who love you. Seek their counsel. There are many other examples of hasty, foolish decisions made without counsel. Joshua made a decision in **Joshua 9:14**, *“And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.”* These men deceived Joshua and he made a vow to protect them, who God said to eliminate! Rehoboam forsook the godly counsel of the older men in 1 Kings 12 and instead listened to his buddies. His decision divided the nation of Israel! **Proverbs 11:14** says, *“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.”* Don't just seek the counsel that you want to hear! Do not also not ask someone because you think you already know what they will say. Assuming is very dangerous! Other strong verses in the Bible are: **Proverbs 12:15**, *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.”*, **Proverbs 15:22**, *“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.”*, **Proverbs 19:20**, *“Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.”*, and **Proverbs 24:6**, *“... in multitude of counsellors there is safety.”*

Lot made some hasty decisions. Maybe they are similar with some you have made!

1. Sometimes disputes among ourselves bring out what is in our hearts. What do you think was in Lot's heart and how was this brought out? _____
2. What do you think were some of the determining factors which influenced Lot's decision? _____
3. Did Lot walk by faith or by sight? _____
4. Do you think that Lot would have listened to Godly counsel? Why or why not? _____
5. If you were Lot's shoes, how would you have responded to Abrahams offer? _____

From now on, as you read God's word, listen for INSTRUCTIONS about what YOU should do. His word is the best counsel, but do not neglect to seek counsel from other mature Christians that God has given you in your life! Lot thought he knew better, don't make that same mistake!

Session Two – Introducing Lot

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” 2 Peter 2:7, 8

Welcome to Men's Camp

Welcome to our 19th Annual Men's Camp!

1. THE THREE GOAL OF THIS CAMP! (James 5:19,20)

- A. The purpose of this Men's Camp is to convert _____ men from their errors so they can experience the blessings of walking by faith instead of the chastening hand of God because they walked in the flesh
- B. To start making _____ choices!
- C. To change what we _____

2. Let's Take a Look at Some Background on Lot - Lessons to Learn

A. No Oxymoron's Allowed

- 1. An oxymoron is two words that are opposites blended together
- 2. The worst oxymoron is a Carnal, Lukewarm _____ (1Cor 3:3)!!!

B. What Does it Mean to Compromise?

- 1. Compromise means:
- 2. Lot Shows Us What Compromising Will Do...

3. Who Was This Lot Guy?

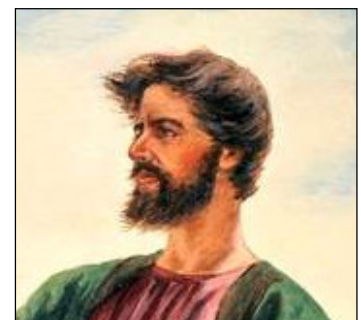
A. Lot's Home (Gen 11:27-32)

B. Lot's Faith

C. Lot's Testing

D. Lot's Choices

- 1. He made _____ good choice – to follow the God of Abraham
- 2. But the rest were almost all bad!
 - a. To leave Abraham's influence and fellowship
 - b. To Ignore God's Warnings
 - c. To Live a Life of Constant Compromise



E. Lot's Uncle Abraham

1. _____ (Boring)
2. A Family Man
3. A Fighter (good _____)
4. A Friend of God
5. An _____
6. Built Personal Altars (_____)

Compared to Lot

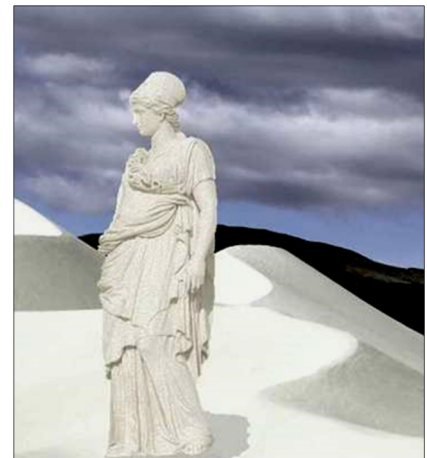
- Opportunistic
Self-Focused
A _____
A friend of the _____
Apathetic towards Prayer
Built Personal _____

F. His Rescues (Gen 14:1-16; Gen 18,19) – He had to be constantly rescued!

1. From the War of the Nine Kings
2. From _____ Against Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18)

G. Lot's Failures and Losses

1. _____ his Wealth
2. His _____ (Gen 19:26)
 - a. She Looked back
 - b. She DIDN'T want to leave
 - c. She was attached (in bondage) to the world – anchored to it – all her dreams were there
 - d. All of a Christian's dreams are heaven-ward (Col 3:1-3)
3. _____ his children and grandchildren
 - a. The ones he really didn't care about anyway
 - b. They tag along because they have no husbands – would have stayed in Sodom and been destroyed if they weren't single
4. And his _____
 - a. Fled and was never heard of again
 - b. What a way to have your life remembered!
5. And any possible _____ from God (2Cor 5:11)



We all make
choices, but in
the end our
choices make us.

Ken Levine

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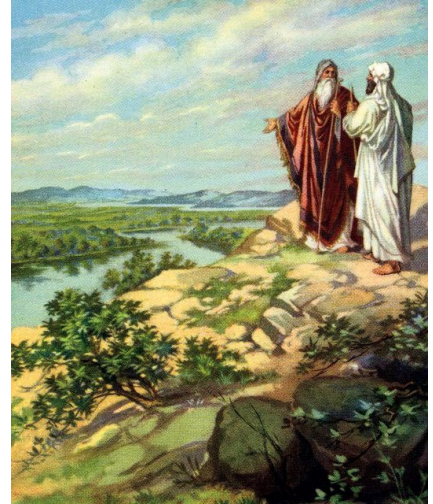
**No matter how far down the road
you have gone, if you only wanted
to, you could turn around – the
problem is, the longer you go away
from God, the harder it gets to
want to turn back!**

Session Three – Making Some Wise Choices

Layton Kelly – Reformer's Unanimous, Tallaght, Dublin

“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” Romans 13:14

Sermon Notes:



Session Four – Converting A Carnal Heart

Pastor Dan Canavan – Hope Baptist Church, Dundrum, Dublin

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”

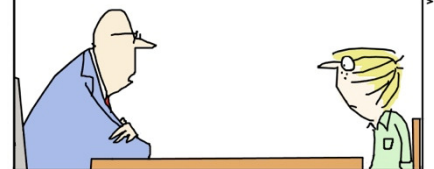
Psalm 51:10

Sermon Notes:

HONEST JON

by Jon Clark

If repentance were meant to be easy, there would be an app for it..



Personal Devotion – Friday Morning

Choosing The Right Direction For Our Affection

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”
Colossians 3:2

What are the choices of your affection? As you look at the life of Lot, you will notice that as a younger man, he sought to follow his Uncle Abraham. As he prospers and sees the worldliness of Egypt, Lot gets a taste for the World. There are two main areas in life we can put our affection towards – God or the World. 1 John 2:15-17 says, “*Love not the _____, neither the things that are in the _____. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the _____, and the lust of the _____, and the _____ of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*” The Bible says that a person cannot serve two masters... they cannot love both God and the World. The Apostle James is even more challenging in James 4:4, “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is _____ with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*” It is serious who we set our affection upon. God and the World are at war with each other because Satan is “*the god of this world.*”

Lot's wrong choice cost him everything When Abraham offered Lot the first choice of places to settle, Lot allowed the lust of his eyes to make his decision for him. He saw the plains of Jordan were well-watered - they looked just like the Garden of Eden, and like Egypt. Perhaps he saw a chance for great financial gain, but he already knew that the inhabitants were very wicked sinners! Lot believed that he would be fine and that he would not become like them. Even after being rescued by Abraham when he is captured, he goes right back to Sodom and becomes very influential there. Sadly, Sodom rubbed off on his family, corrupting his daughters, having son-in-laws who did not fear God, and a wife who loved Sodom more than her own life. Lot even lingered as long as he could before the angels had to drag him out of Sodom. Lot lost his wealth, joy, family, and his integrity...but not his salvation. He ruined his life on earth, but the Bible does call him Righteous. There is only one way to overcome the world, and that is found in 1John 5:4, 5 “*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*”. The world still tries to pull us back, but as long as we set our affection upon the Lord God above, the world will not be as glamorous as it appears.

1. According to 1 John 2:15, if I love the things of the world, what does not abide in me?

2. What three things does the world use to lure us back to it? _____,
_____, _____
3. Do the allurements of the world last forever? **Yes, No**
4. What is “enmity with God”? _____
5. What was it that made Lot decide to settle in the plains of Jordan? _____
6. What did Lot lose because of his affection for the World? _____
7. The Bible declares that salvation in Jesus Christ, being born-again, is the only way to overcome the wickedness of the world. Have you been born again? **Yes, No.** When? _____
If not, why not? _____

Until a person gets saved, they are the enemy of God. Being born again is the only way to be on God's side. If you have never repented of your sins and trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you are lost and condemned by God to Hell. If you want to be forgiven of your sin and trust Christ as your Saviour, please speak with your Pastor.

Session Five – Facing the Sins of Sodom

Pastor Craig Ledbetter Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” Jude 1:7

I. Preliminary Things - Basic principles of dealing with such sins...

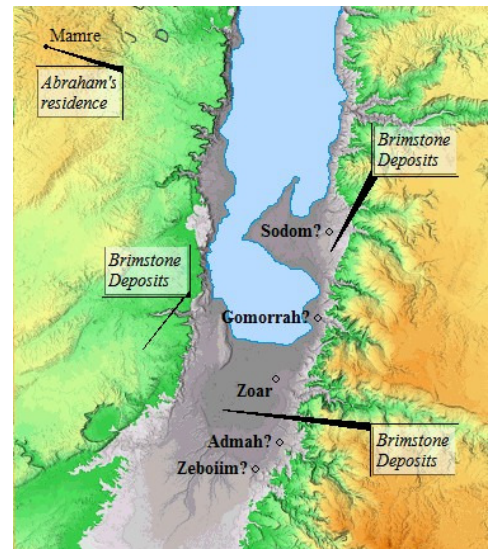
- A. Be _____ about evil things. (Romans 16:19) ... but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.
- B. Be child-like towards evil. (1Corinthians 14:20) Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.
- C. Don't get too deep in trying to understand how wicked men can get. (Psalm 131:1) LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.
- D. Stay in the _____! (Psalm 119:99-101)
- E. Remember, the _____ world is WICKED – not just Sodom and Sodomy!

II. What Was Sodom Like before God's Judgment?

- A. Like the garden of Eden (Gen 13:10)
- B. In a plain – flat and very fertile lands for both crops and cattle (now it is very mountainous and rugged)

III. The Sins of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) What was SO Wrong With Sodom's Lifestyle?

- A. _____ contact men with men – Homosexuality (Gen 19:5; Lev 18:22; Judg 19:22; Jude 1:7)
- B. Vile _____ – wrong affections (Romans 1:26-28; Cf Col 3:2)
- C. _____ – how people view marriage (Jer 23:14)
- D. _____ – how people view family (Lev 20:11-14)
- E. _____ – how they view themselves! (Lev 20:15,16)
- F. _____ – how people view themselves! (Ezek 16:49)
- G. _____ – how people view God (Deut 32:32)



IV. Sodom's Sins were Destructive (Romans 1:23-27)

- A. Homosexuality is very _____ – (Genesis 19:9-11) Unable to be controlled or stopped!
- B. It Affected Absolutely Everyone (Genesis 19:4)
- C. Destroyed the people from the inside out – first in their minds, then throughout their families, then their cities, then their nation! Like a vicious cancer!
- D. Specific, God-ordained _____

V. GOD'S Description of Sodom - He never had ANYTHING good to say about it!

- A. _____ Genesis 13:13.
- B. _____ Genesis 18:20
- C. _____ 2Peter 2:6

VI. Five Main Causes of Sodom's Sins – possible roots in your life!

- A. Laziness, _____
- B. Love of money and pleasure
- C. _____
- D. _____ - Having no relationship with parents, family, church – only worldly friends
- E. _____ – too proud to deal with sins on a regular basis

VII. God's Wrath Against Sodom and Gomorrah

- A. Sodom itself means, "_____"
- B. Gomorrah means, "_____ " as in buried, or BAPTISM (of FIRE)
- C. Sodom became the word for such a horrific sin as sodomy (Dt 23:17)
- D. Total Destruction (Gen 19:23-25)!
- E. Jesus said all this actually happened! Luke 17:28, 29 *Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*
- F. Governments USED to have laws against homosexuality! Leviticus 20:13 *If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: **they shall surely be put to death**; their blood shall be upon them.*

**VIII. There Is a Way Back (Isaiah 1:10-18)**

- A. _____ the Coming Judgment (2Peter 3:10,11)
- B. It's God's _____ that we are not consumed, but given time to repent! (2Pet 3:9)
- C. _____ Sins can be Forgiven (1John 4:4; 1Cor 6:9-11)
- D. There is a way back (Isaiah 1:10-18)
- E. Come back before you lose _____
– get out of Sodom WAY before you are dragged out (Compare with Jude 1:22,23)
 - 1. Your Wife (Gen 19:26)
 - 2. Your health (STD's AIDS, and so on)!
 - 3. Your children and especially your daughters
 - 4. Your very Future



Session Six – How to Save Your Family

Chris Stohl – Evangelists with Anchor Baptist Church, Waterford

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

I. Your _____ belong to God (Ezekiel 18:4a)

- A. Your children have been _____ to you by God (Psalm 127:3)
- B. I am a _____, not an owner.
- C. I am responsible to follow God's _____ on raising my children; I am not at liberty to create my own.
- D. The mind-sets, emphases, and priorities of our culture are governed by Satan in an attempt to draw you and your children _____ from God. Ephesians 2
- E. The downward trend of morals in our society is no surprise when we realise who is dictating it.

II. In order you save yourself and your family from the destroying influence of the world, God has given you...

A. A *Pointed* _____ (1 Tim 4:16)

- 1. “Save” – to deliver, to _____ from danger or destruction
- 2. “Doctrine” – teaching, truth that dictates belief and thus _____
- 3. “Take heed” – to pay close attention for the purpose of _____



B. A _____ Authority (Psalm 119, John 17:17)

- 1. Heeding God's Word protects you from getting caught in the enemy's _____. (119:165)
- 2. It is a _____ element in discerning the _____ of God. – v. 105, 130
- 3. It corrects _____ thinking. – v. 113
- 4. "Thoughts" = "opinions, thought-processes."

C. *Practical* _____ (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

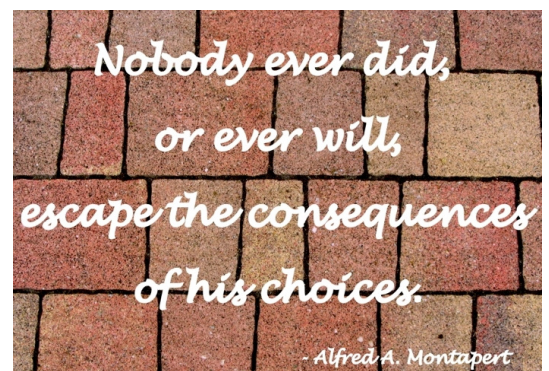
- 1. Regularly _____ yourself (and your family) to the Word of God. (v. 7)
- 2. Ensure that it _____ your thoughts actions. (vv. 8-9)
- 3. Your _____ are to be dictated by the Bible.
- 4. Your _____ must be held within the bounds of God's Word.

D. A *Powerful Aide* (Ephesians 5:18)

- 1. Recognise His _____: He is _____ you! (John 14:17)
- 2. _____ to His control: He _____ you!
- 3. The idea is, “Always allow yourself to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.”
- 4. This command to “be filled” is the _____ prelude to the portrait of a God-controlled home. 5:22-6:4

Pop-Corn Preaching

This is a blank page dedicated for YOU to write a quick Bible message so you can preach it when called upon during the Pop-Corn preaching session!



Session Seven – How NOT to Finish Like Lot

Pastor Les Hill – Gospel Light Baptist Church, Lucan

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.” Proverbs 16:6

Sermon Notes:



Final Review - A Time to Evaluate Your Heart

Questions to ponder and answer from this Camp's study of Lot's life.

Personal questions to answer - Let's evaluate how well you trust and love God:

- Is there any unrepentant, unconfessed sin in your life? **Yes / No**
List them on a sheet of paper, confess them, and then forsake them, by faith!
- What area of your life has God spoken to you about this week? _____

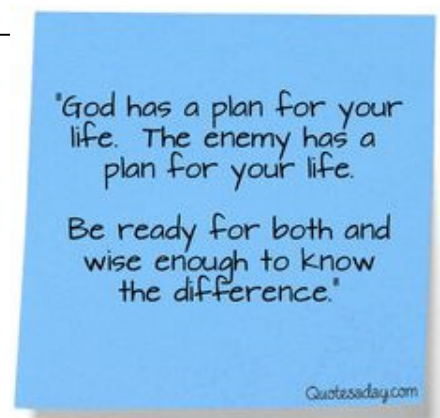
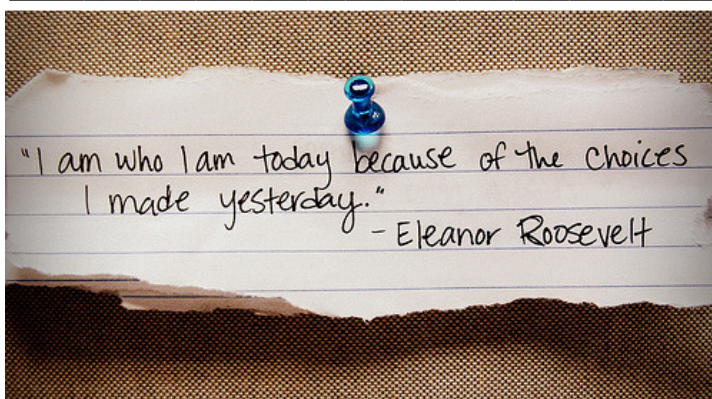
- Have you made a decision to let God change you in that certain area? **Yes / No**
Then right now, tell Him and go ahead and start right now!
- What part about Lot helped you the most this week? _____

- Every man should strive to pray for others, especially their salvation. Who are you interceding to God for on their behalf? _____
- What did you learn most about Lot this week? _____

- What have you changed in your own walk with God because of looking at Lot's life? _____

- What is a big sin or failure in your past? _____
Did that sin keep you in bondage to the world? **Yes / No**
Will you continue to let it hold you back in Sodom, or will you let God guide you forward, away from that sin, and into the perfect will of God? **Yes / No**
- If you have children or grandchildren, how is your relationship with them?
Is it... **Great, Good, Needs Work, or it Stinks!**
 - Do you regularly help, teach, praise and encouraged them? **Yes / No**
 - How are you doing bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? **Great, Good, Needs Work, Stinks!**
 - How did Lot LOSE his children's respect? _____

 - Are you willing to keep your children's respect or blow it as Lot did? **Yes / No**
- **Lastly, define in your own words, what it means to COMPROMISE:** _____



Prayer List

“*Men ought always to pray, and not to faint*” Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray, and should be added to as we learn of individual needs and requests.

Pray For the Lost (2 Peter 3:9) “*God is not willing that any should perish...*”

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Pray For Christian Growth (2 Peter 3:18) “*but grow in grace*”

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Pray For Special Needs (Health, and Family concerns)

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Pray For Your Church Needs

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Anything Else – list your own needs here

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