

A Lot Like Lot

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We are going to find out today what it means to be the father God has called us to be by taking a close look at Lot's life. The horrible failures in Lot's life started with one simple, seemingly innocent, decision. In this sermon, Dads will be challenged to lead their families by following closely to God, by turning from the idols of this world, by putting family in the place of priority that God intended.

I. Lot, how are you doing as a believer?

Lot was a saved soul, but he had lost his way in life. He had union with the Lord, but he had very little communion with the Lord.

Lot had the advantage of being brought up in a family that was always pursuing their relationship with God. There came a time in Lot's life when he experienced a saving faith in God.

Genesis 13:5 says: *"Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents."*

If God blesses us materially, it is a testing time for us.

Material things are passing, and we can't allow these things to come between us and our relationship with God or our family.

Evidently, Lot made the mistake of somehow deciding that material things were more important than spiritual things. He chose to live on the property closest to the city of wickedness, Sodom. Then, he pitched his tent so that that this wicked city was his living room window view.

II. Lot, how are you doing as a partner?

Jesus spoke of Lot's wife in Luke 17:32, saying, "Remember Lot's wife."

She was the wife of a successful farmer who moved to town (Sodom) and became a politician. Evidently, he was the mayor of a city. As years went by and Abraham and Lot became owners of larger herds, Abraham gave

Lot his choice of which land he wanted. This was a choice that was made by material consideration. He chose what his eyes could see, and his eyes became the binoculars of his soul. Lot made a decision that would ensure future prosperity over faith.

The Bible says that the men of Sodom were wicked sinners before the Lord. What Lot saw and what God saw were two different things.

In the ancient world, Sodom was the slime pit, therefore, to take a step towards Sodom is to take a step toward perversion. What kind of effect do we think it had on Lot's wife?

One day, Lot and his wife went from being aware of perversion as they looked out of their tent, to living in it. They moved to Sodom. As Lot became busy making money and doing politics in this sin filled city, his wife must have thought, "My saved husband doesn't worry about it, then why should I?"

Dads listen to me! May we stop making decisions that will leave our family in peril!

Lot's life led his wife's life in the wrong direction.

Because of the unthinkable wickedness that utterly saturated the entire city, God was going to destroy Sodom. The Bible tells us that an Angel took Lot's wife by the hand to get her out of Sodom, and she lingered, and she resisted. The Angel said run for your life and don't look back....she looked back, and became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:26 says, *"But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."*

Some of us today are as close to becoming a block of salt as Lot's wife was. We have so lived for this world. Our hearts have become hardened like a block of salt. That's never been God's plan.

Dads, may we never be like Lot. We can be a different kind of partner. We can be what God wants us to be as husbands.

III. Lot, how did you do as a father?

In his thirst for more money and more power and more prestige, Lot was no longer following God. He was captivated by the gods of man - money and power. The Bible tells us of the night that Angels came to talk with Lot, and all the men of Sodom surrounded Lot's house with the purpose of sexually assaulting the Angels. This sounds unbelievable, but the Bible tells us it is true: Lots sends his two virgin daughters out to appease the crowd of men. This is unthinkable. Hard to even imagine. Repulsive. This state of mind that Lot had declined to was a result of following power and money, not Holy God.

The terrible conclusion that we need to see in Lot's wretched way of thinking is that it started when he pitched his tent toward Sodom. Instead of asking the question, would Sodom be a good place to raise children, he asked the question, "Would it be a good place to raise cattle?"

Genesis 19:4 says: *"Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all of the people from every quarter, surrounded the house."*

Genesis 19:7-8 says: *"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."*

After this horrendous act of throwing his daughters to men to be assaulted, Lot realizes his time has come. His love for the things of this world had finally driven him crazy. There was going to be judgement. As a matter of fact, the whole city was going to be judged and destroyed by Holy God. Lot tells his sons in law to leave. He runs through the streets screaming that judgement is coming. Nobody listens. Nobody leaves. Rejecting the world and admitting his sin meant that Lot's influence was gone.

Fire and sulfur filled the sky as Lot and his two unmarried daughters and his wife ran out of town. They were given instructions to not look back, but as we know, his wife did look back, and became a pillar of salt.

This story only gets worse...Lot and his two daughters end up in a cave. The daughters get their dad drunk, have sex with him, and each daughter gives birth to a son from that sinful act. The offspring of these two sons became the immortal enemies of the Jews to this very day.

Lot led his wife and his daughters in the wrong direction.

This story is a reminder that God spared Lot's life, and He (God) longs to spare ours.

Men, it is time to be the husband God has called us to be.

It's time to take the spiritual lead.

It's time to dare to be the father to our children that God would have us to be.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, along with our prayer life and our willingness to lead our families, we can make a difference.

But it all starts with a personal relationship with Jesus.