

WEEK 9: IT'S RAINING...FIRE

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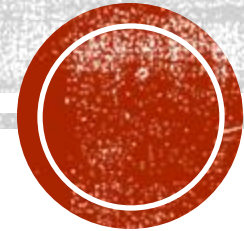




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WHY DO WE SETTLE FOR LESS?

(Open Discussion)



LOT



- Abraham's Nephew
- He was not an Israelite
- When God told Abraham to leave his family and go to a land, Lot went with Abraham
- Lot and Abraham were traveling together but later separated because there was fighting between their herdsman
- When the split-up Lot went to the Jordan valley (Zoar and Sodom and Gomorrah)
- He had a wife and 2 daughters
- He lived in Sodom and Gomorrah
- He is the forefather of the Moabites and the Ammonites



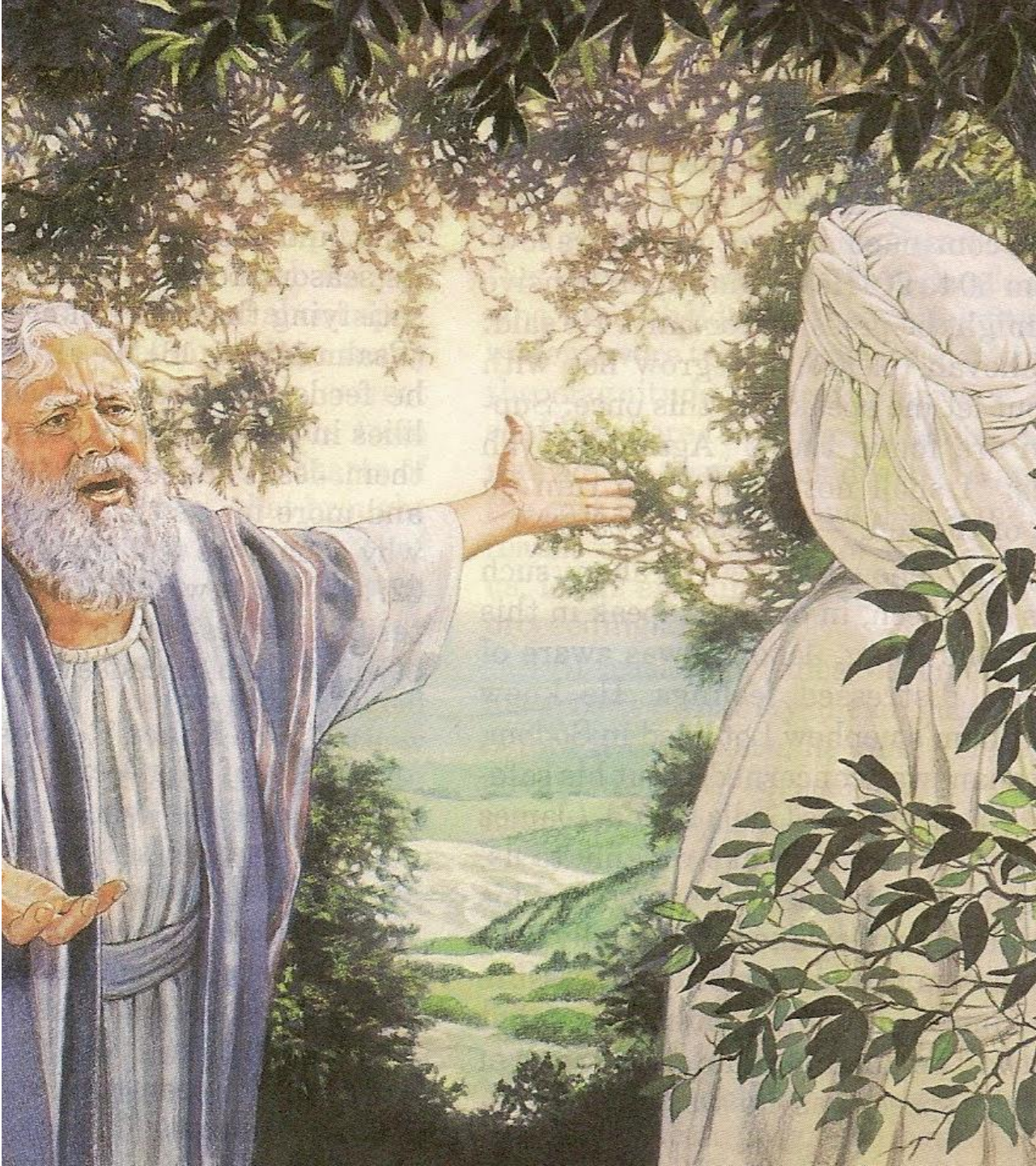
GENESIS 19



Genesis 19

Lot & Sodom





THE BEFORE - GENESIS 18: ABRAHAM PLEADS WITH GOD FOR SODOM

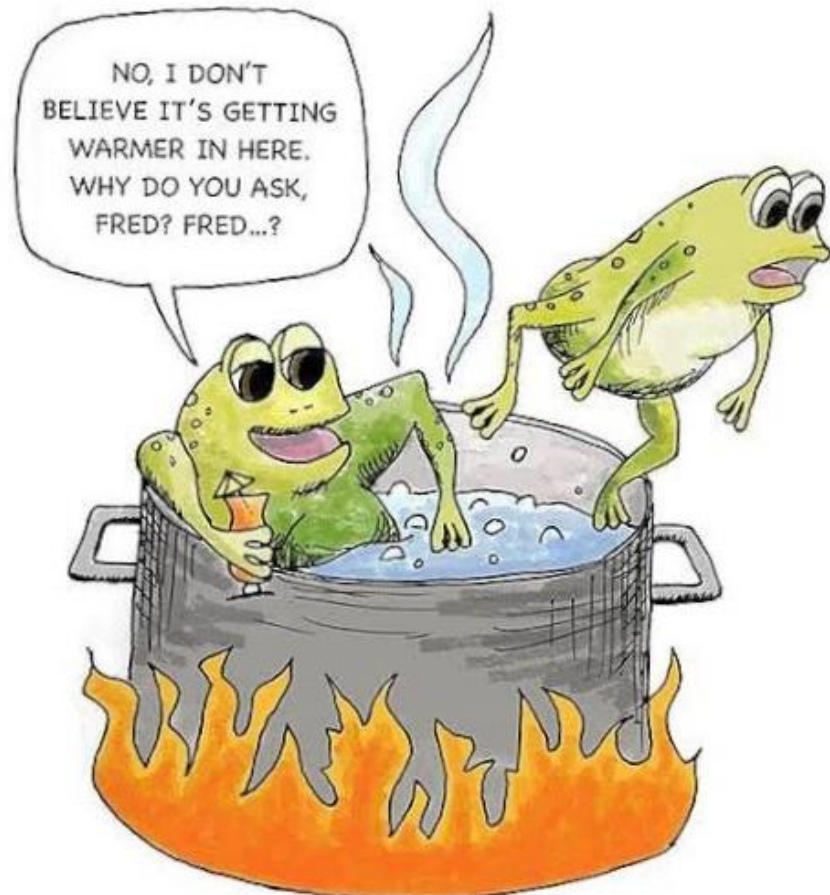
- Three men appeared in front of Abraham; 2 of them were angels
- Abraham ran to meet the men and asked them to stay so he could prepare a meal for them
- The men agreed and while they were there, they told Abraham he would have a son
- As they were leaving, they also told Abraham that they would destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of the sins they were committing
- When Abraham heard this, he interceded by asking if he would kill the righteous with the wicked
- From 50 righteous to 10 righteous



WHEN DO PEOPLE USUALLY DECIDE TO START SETTling?

(Open Discussion)

LOT'S SLOW SETTLING



He looked at the cities
(Genesis 13: 10)

He went towards the
cities (Genesis 13: 12)

He lived in the cities
(Genesis 14: 12)

He got comfortable in
the cities (Genesis 19: 1)





**WHEN WE START
SETTLING INTO
THE WORLD'S
STANDARDS**

We look at the other option

We start to include that decision into our thinking and planning

We choose to settle

We get comfortable with it

1 Corinthians 16:13 - Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

HONORABLE MENTION: LOT'S DAUGHTERS



Genesis 19: 30 – 38



and looked out toward the land of
the valley.



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HONORABLE MENTION: LOT'S DAUGHTERS



Genesis 19: 30 – 38

- They were worried about their father not having descendants
- They got him drunk
- They were with their father and got pregnant
- They each had a son: Moab and Ben-Ammi



CONSEQUENCES OF COMPROMISE



- **Our thought patterns shift**
 - Lot was likely a leader in the city, but was complacent to the evil he saw
 - Lot was willing to give up his daughters to an angry mob
- **Our desires shift**
 - Lot lingered in leaving the city even though he knew it would be destroyed
 - Lot's wife looked back at the city
- **Our standards deteriorate:**
 - Lot's drunkenness
 - Lot's daughter's actions
 - The Moabites and Ammonites worshipped idols and were constantly fighting against the Israelites
- **Our faith is affected**
 - Lot didn't trust God to keep him safe
 - Lot's daughters didn't trust God to provide for them





WHY DIDN'T LOT GO BACK

- Abraham was his relative and he cared for Lot
- Abraham had great wealth and could have taken care of Lot and his daughters
- Abraham had rescued Lot when he was in trouble before (Genesis 14)



CHOOSING RIGHTEOUSNESS INSTEAD OF THE WORLD



Trading The Worry for Assurance



- **Worry:** There is uncertainty if I do not compromise
- **Assurance:** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. - 1 Peter 5: 7
- **Worry:** I will lose out
- **Assurance:** God will meet all of your needs (Matthew 6: 25-34)
- **Worry:** People will judge me or call me a hypocrite
- **Assurance:** Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety - Proverbs 29: 25
- **Worry:** I am not strong enough to do it
- **Assurance:** Our strength comes from the Lord (Isaiah 40: 29-31)
- **Worry:** I don't know where to begin
- **Assurance:** God is able and willing to guide you (Matthew 7: 7-8)
- **Worry:** ...
- **Assurance:** God is able to do much more than we ask or think through His power working in us. - Ephesians 3:20, NIV





HOW DO WE BREAK OUT OF COMPROMISE

- Realize you have compromised, or are about to compromise
- Trade your worries for God's assurances
- Fix your foundation

