Lot's Family in a Wicked Culture

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INTRODUCTION

- On the surface, it looks like the right choice. But looks can be deceiving.
- He probably should have considered a little bit more carefully the influences that this would ultimately have on his daughters and on his wife and on himself.
- In this story, we see the dangerous influence of unchecked worldliness on the righteous and God-fearing people.

1 Lot Is Knowingly Silent

Psalm 1:1; Genesis 19:1–3

- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. Interestingly, that is exactly where we find Lot in this story.
- The gate is a place of respect in ancient cities.
- And what this says is that really Lot had found his place among these men.
- He knows what this place is like. And he doesn't really say much about it.
- Do we have the courage to speak up before it's too late? To speak truth to a misled world and to direct them toward the things that are right.

2 How Detrimentally This Affected His Family

Genesis 19:14–15; Leviticus 18:3; Leviticus 18:7

- The story portrays Lot as a weakened man by this point.
- What am I doing to make sure I'm not offering up my children to the warped ways of the world?
- He's a man of fear now, not a man of strength.
- The reality is that she openly defied what the Lord told her to do. And so there were consequences.
- Even though Lot's daughters escaped Sodom's destruction, they did not escape the influence of the wicked culture in which they were raised.
- If I mingle with the wicked world, if I do so silently and knowingly, I can't be surprised when sin finds its way into my home.

3 Something Bigger: The Parallel in Judges 19

Judges 19:22–28; Proverbs 23; Ezekiel 16

- There's a warning here about the sorts of things we allow in our life and the kinds of things that can happen when we do allow them in.
- The society around him, because he left it unchecked, affected the choices he's making and the choices his family is making.

- This story goes out of its way to show this is not the pagan foreign world that is doing this. This is God's own people who are living this way now.
- I want you to see the callousness of what happens when we don't deal with sin.
- They're willing to be silent and not deal with the problem.
- And this is what happens when sin infiltrates God's house. When we allow it to infiltrate our homes.

4 What Is the Response of God's People?

Psalm 1:1

- I hope it is to proclaim the beauty and holiness of living in God's ways.
- Ultimately, it is that the gospel is the answer. It is God's way that works. It is God's way that is best.
- The world's lies are full of emptiness and disappointment and selfishness that lead us to no purpose and no meaning in life.

THE CHALLENGE

What is our response? Do we sit quietly in the gate like Lot? Or are we going to rise up as God's people and speak truth? In a world that is warped and full of chaos.

MY NOTES