

A Journey of Faith (Part 9)
A Study of the Life of Abraham
(Gen. 19)
*“How to Turn Your Faith Toward
the Right Choices”*

Introduction: We come today to one of the most tragic text in all the Bible, Genesis 19. Many have asked, “Why would God even have the Holy Spirit, move Moses to record these events?” (I can think of a number of reasons. But, among the top two are; first, as a clear and descriptive warning there are serious consequences to our choices in life! Second, and more importantly – Is to emphasize to us, the one thing more important than any choices we make, is the “why” we make them!

There are some great lessons to be learned from this chapter of the Bible and the greatest of which, is *how we should always use our faith to be a determining factor in all of our choices!* Choices and decisions made without consulting the Lord first are always a recipe for disaster! *We see the difference this makes in the lives of Abraham and Lot.*

I. The choice of separation: (v.1)

We must go back to Genesis 13 to see how we got here in chapter 19

A. We see the clear faith of Abraham –

B. We see the cloudy faith of Lot – (Gen 13:12, 13)

Sodom is notorious in the Bible for examples of wickedness and rebellion against God (*Peter calls it an example to us (2 Pe. 2:6) Ezk. Says the sins were many and great... (Ezk. 16:49)*

The Word of God issues a warning to those who like to stay as close to the world and sin God saved them from and still try to maintain fellowship with God (Js. 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:15; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Tim. 6:9; Heb. 11:25, 26)

II. The choice of Sodom: (19:1; 13:10)
(Psalms 1:1)

1. **In all the time Lot was with Abraham** he had the opportunity to become a great man of God.
2. **In all the time Lot was with Abraham, we never read Lot built an altar or inquired of the Lord.**

3. **Lot chose without seeking God** – Abraham chose to let God choose for him.
4. **Having chosen Sodom** he began moving closer to Sodom, it wasn't long before Lot had moved into Sodom.(v.1) Cf. Gal. 5:16, 1)

III. The choice to settle:

1. **We find Lot sitting inside the gates** – (Ruth 4:1 ff).
(1 John 2:15-17).
2. **We find Lot separated from Abraham and the Lord in his living** – (2 Pe.2:7, 8).
3. **We find Lot stripped of all he had**

IV. The choice made from self-interest:

In the end, Lot is not the biggest loser...

- A. **Thanks to the influence of Lot**– his own wife...
- B. **Thanks to the influence of Lot** – his daughters ...
- C. **Thanks to the influence of Lot** – his future son in laws...

The most important thing we can do before we make any choices or decisions... is do the right thing...

V. The right choice is to seek the Lord first:
(v. 27-29)

- A. **I bet Abraham was glad he chose separation** he saw how his faith led him to the right choice.
- B. **I bet Abraham was glad he chose to seek the Lord's will** – I bet he thought, I'm glad I sought the Lord's will – and allowed my faith to lead me to the right choice.
- C. **Abraham chose to stand before the Lord** – (Gen 18:25) and feeling God had done right, he rejoiced in his heart that his faith allowed him to make the right choice and be able to stand before the Lord because of it.

Conclusion: Let's determine today, before we make any choices or decisions, to choose to follow the Lord's lead instead of our own!