

7. Contrast Abraham's effect on events (18:32, 19:29) with Lot's inability to influence people (19:6-9, 14, 26). How were the two men different? Why do you think his audiences dismissed Lot's words? Is there a lesson here for us?

8. What moral does the fate of Lot's wife teach (19:17,26)? Consider Luke 17:31-33.

**Let's Pray:**

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Pray for their on-line ministry to train Godly leaders to better serve the Lord in their communities.

What persons who are elderly or have serious underlying health conditions could you pray for by name? Pray for protection against contracting COVID19. Pray for their emotional and spiritual well-being during extended times of isolation.

Who do you know that is working in essential businesses (groceries, pharmacies, restaurants, first responders, etc.) where repeated customer contact increases their risk of exposure? Pray that God would grant protection, diligence, and kindness amidst increased hours and stress.

Pray for endurance for all who are caregivers, both at home and at work.

Pray for a lost friend or family member, and then reach out to check on them.

# Sermon Notes

"Rescuing Lot from Divine Destruction"

Genesis 18-19

April 19, 2020

## Introduction

Series Reading Schedule

Apr 26 (break from series)

May 3 – Gen 24

May 10 – Gen 25, 27

May 17 – TBA

May 24 – TBA

**A. Abraham's** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_

## Conclusion

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-19-20

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., *Life Change Series: Genesis*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 125-132.

## Getting Started:

1. Have you ever seriously interceded with the Lord for someone or someplace other than yourself and your home? What was the situation that moved you to pray?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Genesis 18:16-33

2. In 18:19, the Lord describes the three-step essence of His relationship with Abraham. What are those three steps? (Notice the phrase "so that" [NIV] or "in order that" [NASB]).
  - a.
  - b. so that
  - c. so that
3. What connection between God's grace and man's deeds do you observe in 18:19?
4. Because of His covenant relationship with Abraham (18:19), God decides to do something He would do with no one else. What extraordinary thing does He do (18:17, 20-21)? Why did God do this? That is, what do you think he wanted Abraham to do?

5. Because of his intimacy with God, Abraham dares to respond in an astonishing way (18:23-33).
  - a. What is surprising to you about this interaction?
  - b. What attitudes toward God, people, and self does Abraham express in this text?
  - c. What was the point of interceding for Sodom? Did Abraham affect what God did?
6. Read Genesis 19:1-29. Like 18:2-8, 19:1-8 stresses Lot's hospitality – he takes seriously his duty to refresh and protect strangers (19:2, 8) even in the face of danger.
  - a. In light of 19:4-5,9, why is it important to emphasize Abraham's and Lot's hospitality?
  - b. What is the difference between entertaining friends and showing hospitality to strangers? How can you apply Hebrews 13:2?