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LOT: ENTANGLED IN SIN

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.” (1 John 2:15–16)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Learn about Lot’s choices and the progression of loss that he experienced.
<i>Knowledge of God’s Divine Nature</i>	Learn about the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. Understand that God’s mercy comes to those who seek Him out.
<i>Good Works</i>	God is righteous and merciful. Pitch our tents close to God. Avoid drifting into sin by focusing our vision on Christ and actively seeking God.

A. Understanding Lot’s Choice

Although Lot’s decision to follow Abraham out of faith was a positive change, when he was later faced with the decision to part from Abraham, he made the choice to settle near the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This change was quite a negative one in comparison to the first.

Lot’s Choice

Lot’s decision was a worldly and selfish one, because it was based on sight alone: he saw something that was pleasing to his eyes and decided that it would be best to settle there.

B. The Consequences of Lot’s Choices

1. *Surrounded by sin:* Genesis 13:13 says that the “men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.” However, despite being caught up in a conflict involving the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot chose to return to the city.
2. *Affected by sin:* Lot knew right from wrong, but the culture of Sodom and Gomorrah was extremely perverted. It was clear that living there for so many years had affected his judgment to the point that he decided on a terrible compromise to protect his guests.
3. *Attached to sin:* Despite accepting the danger to the city, Lot was still reluctant to flee entirely as he was told, so he begged to go to a small town instead of the mountains. God permitted this, and Lot followed the angels’ instructions, but his wife did not.
4. *Unguarded:* Lot himself knew right from wrong, but it is apparent that his daughters did not. He did not train them up properly, and he himself became drunk and unguarded. Both he and his daughters’ actions were deeply influenced by Sodom and Gomorrah.

C. The Mercy of God

God could have just as easily left Lot to his fate when he lingered, or He could have ignored Lot’s plea. But God listened to Lot and allowed his request. As humans, we are bound to make poor choices, but from the example of Lot, we can see God’s abounding mercy.

Life Application: Where Have You Pitched Your Tent?

1. Focus Our Eyes
2. Take Action and Row

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Lesson 1 Homework Assignment

Lot: Entangled in Sin

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 John 2:15–16):

1. Why is it impossible to love the Father while also loving the things of the world?
2. “But the _____ of the LORD is from _____ to _____ on those who _____ Him, and His righteousness to children’s children.” (Psalm 103:17)
3. What was the primary issue with Lot’s decision when choosing which land to dwell on?
4. What were the four main consequences of Lot’s choices?
5. To experience God’s mercy, what must we first do?
6. Write down what actions you chose to take based on Psalm 119:9–16. At the end of the week, were you able to begin taking steps? If not, then try to add details to your plan to help you carry it out in the future.