

THE BREWING WAR



Genesis 14:1-4

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You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:6-8

CHURCH CONFLICT

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

There are many times when I see the headlines, I think what is the point?

There are many times when I hear the news it weighs me down.

We can't fix this world

**At the same time, we have to be cautious
how we embrace it**

IN NOT OF

What is Worldliness?

The concept of worldly begins with a mindset not a specific action

Immature (1 Corinthians 3:1)

Selfish (1 Corinthians 3:3)

Unstable (2 Corinthians 1:17)

Unfocused (2 Corinthians 5:16)

A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT LIFE



A RIGHTEOUS MAN

And if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

2 Peter 2:7-9



CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

Genesis 14:11-12



WHERE WAS LOT?

Before he pitched his tent **near** Sodom

Now he is living **in** Sodom

The bad thing about that moment is usually you just cannot seem to find a way out

Sodom was captured

The army was decimated (v. 10)



WHERE WAS LOT?

Lot and his possessions were captured

He was free and wealthy

Now he is captive and broke

If you choose to live worldly then don't expect to be exempt from the world

If you are going to play in the trashcan you can expect to smell like trash



**Claiming Christ does
not mean
No CONSEQUENCES**



THE RESCUE PARTY

Genesis 14:13-16



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Abram gets the news, and he arranges a rescue mission

Nobody rescues themselves

Abram took action

WHY? When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive

RELATIONSHIP



THE RESCUE PARTY

He used trained men born in his household

Abram assumed the leadership role in the rescue mission

PURSUIT



ATTACKED & CHASED

Lot was the goal of the rescue not the target of attack

He Rescued Lot: The Person, His Possessions, His Family, and Neighbors

He gave God the Glory (Genesis 14:22-24)

Abram could have turned it into a profitable event

But he chose instead to honor God



GRATEFUL

In this story Abraham plays the role of “Jesus” and well I’m Lot

Jesus came for the love of the relationship

Jesus fought the battle of sin in death

He won and we have been rescued



GRATEFUL

**But we are just interested in our stuff,
our life, and we take it and walk away
from the relationship**

**Right back into the very life that got me
captured**



GENESIS 19:1

The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.



RESCUED VS REPENTANT

To stop living of the world, you can't just be rescued, you need to be repentant.

This is why Jesus is Lord and Savior

Rescued will make you sorry for what you did, only repentance will change how you live

**Rescued may restore your life, but only
Repentance can bring life eternal
(Acts 3:19)**



**WE HAVE A LOT TO LEARN
ABOUT LIVING A REPENTANT LIFE**

