

A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT LIFE



CHAPTER 19

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah are not the point of the story

It is but the backdrop for the story

Did you realize chapter 19 is 38 verses long

The destruction of the cities takes 2 verses

**GRACE, COMPASSION,
AND MERCY**



LOT'S STORY

A righteous man living a worldly life.

A man who led his family into sin.

A man that at the end of his story you can't help but wonder what if?



WHEN GOD SHOWS UP!

Genesis 19:1-11



FACE TO FACE

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. “My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.” “No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.”

v. 1-2



SITTING IN THE GATE

The gate of a city is often where the elders and leaders of a town would gather to discuss the issues of the day and provide wisdom and guidance.

Though Lot is an immigrant to this region, he is seated in the city gate and his welcoming of these visitors shows that he clearly holds a place of importance in Sodom.

INFLUENCE



HE KNOWS GOD

The visitors were Angels

Even though they are cloaked in humanity, Lot still knows these are no ordinary visitors.

He is interested in hosting them but not in living with them

IT'S US!



HE KNOWS GOD

God is not interested in just visiting

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:20



ASHAMED

But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

v. 3-5



ASHAMED

Maybe it's because he is trying to protect them

Reality he knows where he is living

Lot's plan was to get them in and out before they knew what kind of place he had chosen to live

Interesting we know they came to save him from destruction, he is more interested in hiding sin



SIN CAME CALLING

They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

**The issue is not the men in the city,
IT'S THE MAN
IN THE HOUSE!**



SINFUL COMPROMISE

Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, “No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing. Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.”

v. 6-7



SINFUL COMPROMISE

Are we doing the same thing?

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.

**We send them out the door
to figure it out on their own.**

Proverbs 22:6

**Meanwhile we set safe in our house
trying to protect God**

REMEMBER



HARSH REALITY

“Get out of our way,” they replied. “This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door.

v. 9



HARSH REALITY

“Get out of our way”

“This fellow came here as a foreigner.”

“He wants to play the judge!”

**Truth always sounds like hate
to those that hate truth.**

“We’ll treat you worse than them.”



HARSH REALITY

They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door

Jesus knocks on your door and waits

The world continues to pour on the pressure to comply

They are willing to break down the door



NO HERO NEEDED

But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

v. 10-11



LOT'S STORY

God is offering him a chance to save his life

To save the life of his wife and daughters

Even save anyone else Lot can get to follow

BE THE HERO

**After such an awesome display of
power Lot will repent**



OUR STORY

But more importantly, this is about us because God has shown up.

He came in human form

He sacrificed on the cross and rose from the grave

He is offering to save your life, your family's life, and anyone else you can get to follow



**WE HAVE A LOT TO LEARN
ABOUT KNOWING GOD!**

