

WEIRD STORIES FROM THE BIBLE #1: LOT AND HIS DAUGHTERS

Most people are somewhat familiar with the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. They were two cities that were so wicked, so full of depravity that God decided to destroy them, so that their wickedness would not spread throughout the earth. Abraham tried to save them (Genesis 18:22-33); however, even the deal he made with God (to find 10 righteous people within the cities) wasn't good enough. Genesis 19:15 tells us that only Lot, his wife, and his two unmarried daughters got out of town before the two cities were destroyed.

(Genesis 19:15 ESV¹) *As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city."*

Even though they were spared the judgment of fire and brimstone that rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah, not all of them survived to tell the tale. Lot's wife faltered during the escape, having been warned not to look back, yet she let curiosity get the best of her and looked back anyway and was turned into a pillar of salt.

(Genesis 19:26 ESV) *But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.*

Now, here is where the story gets really weird.

(Genesis 19:30-36 GNB²) *Because Lot was afraid to stay in Zoar, he and his two daughters moved up into the hills and lived in a cave. (31) The older daughter said to her sister, "Our father is getting old, and there are no men in the whole world to marry us so that we can have children. (32) Come on, let's get our father drunk, so that we can sleep with him and have children by him." (33) That night they gave him wine to drink, and the older daughter had intercourse with him. But he was so drunk that he didn't know it. (34) The next day the older*

¹ English Standard Version

² Good News Bible

daughter said to her sister, "I slept with him last night; now let's get him drunk again tonight, and you sleep with him. Then each of us will have a child by our father." (35) So, that night they got him drunk, and the younger daughter had intercourse with him. Again he was so drunk that he didn't know it. (36) In this way both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their own father.

Are you still with me? Did that story sink in?

To begin with, who taught these people how to pack for an emergency? They have just been rushed out of Sodom, by angels no less, and in their hurried exit they evidently found enough time to pack the wine. Obviously, they had to have taken wine with them because we see in verse 30 that they escape to a cave. I am not a cave expert, but I can't imagine that there are too many caves that come pre-stocked with wine. Bats? Maybe. Guana? Probably. What a scene that must have been at Lot's house. *"Hey grab the plates, grab the clothes, and get those sandals out of the closet...but above all, DON'T FORGET THE WINE!"* It must have been good wine. Who knows, maybe it was the same vintage that messed up Noah.³

But the wine isn't even the weird part. The weird part is what Lot's daughters used the wine to do!

Now, when most normal people are confronted for the first time with the knowledge of their parents having sex, the thing they want to do, more than anything else, is find a tall building to jump off of. This is a traumatic moment in every adolescent's life. The mental image of your parents doing "that" is enough to make you want to ...ugh; I don't even like typing about it. And that is just the idea of your parents having sex with each other! What in the world could have prompted these two girls to do what they did?

There are several things going on here that need to be addressed, things that might shed some light on why Lot's daughters did what they did. The biblical account of this story almost makes it seem as if Lot was an innocent, unwitting victim. That may not be entirely true. We need to look at something that happened earlier in this story.

(Genesis 19:1-5 GNB) *When the two angels came to Sodom that evening, Lot was sitting at the city gate. As soon as he saw them, he got up and went to meet them. He bowed down before them (2) and said, "Sirs, I am here to serve you. Please come to my house. You can wash your feet and spend the night. In the morning you can get up early and go on your way." But they answered, "No, we will spend the night here in the city square." (3) He kept on urging them,*

³ Genesis 9:20-27

and finally they went with him to his house. Lot ordered his servants to bake some bread and prepare a fine meal for the guests. When it was ready, they ate it. (4) Before the guests went to bed, the men of Sodom surrounded the house. All the men of the city, both young and old, were there. (5) They called out to Lot and asked, "Where are the men who came to stay with you tonight? Bring them out to us!" The men of Sodom wanted to have sex with them.

We don't know for sure if Lot knew that the two men were angels. He certainly treats them with deference and respect, regardless of whether or not he knew their true identities at this point. Evidently, Lot knew what the men of Sodom were like, and that is probably why he urged the angels so strongly to stay at his house rather than somewhere else in the city.

We can assume that the angels were of the group that had visited Abraham in Chapter 18 of Genesis, to tell Abraham and Sarah that they would conceive and bear a son. If you remember this story, this is where Sarah actually laughed at the idea that, at her age, she would get pregnant. After the angels deliver their news to Abraham and Sarah, God decides to let Abraham know what is going on in Sodom and Gomorrah.

(Genesis 18:16-22 ESV) *Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. (17) The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, (18) seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? (19) For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." (20) Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, (21) I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." (22) So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.*

By a casual reading of this portion of Scripture, it seems that God is going to Sodom and Gomorrah to see if things are as bad as He thinks they are. This is not true. God already knows what is going on in those two cities; He doesn't need to physically go there to verify it. God is positioning Abraham to intercede for Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham does just that.

(Genesis 18:23-26 ESV) *Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? (24) Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? (25) Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" (26) And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."*

After this initial proposition, Abraham continues to barter with God, and eventually gets the number down to ten. I have always wondered what would have happened if Abraham had kept going. What if he had gone all the way down to one righteous person living there? Would God have spared Sodom and Gomorrah for just one righteous person? We will never know. Abraham stopped at ten, and ten was just too high of a number for the wicked cities. This brings us back to Lot, who is, apparently, the only righteous man living in Sodom and Gomorrah.⁴ And that makes what happens next seem even weirder.

(Genesis 19:6-8 GNB) *Lot went outside and closed the door behind him. (7) He said to them, "Friends, I beg you, don't do such a wicked thing! (8) Look, I have two daughters who are still virgins. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do whatever you want with them. But don't do anything to these men; they are guests in my house, and I must protect them."*

Wow.

I have heard of bad parenting before, but this just might take the cake. What kind of a father would offer up his daughters to be gang-raped? This guy is Abraham's nephew! Yes, that Abraham. How does Lot, the only righteous man left in Sodom and Gomorrah, get to the point in his life where he would do something like this?

I guess that it bears mentioning that Lot lived in a part of the world where hospitality was valued above almost every other virtue. He obviously was concerned about the safety of the two visitors from the moment that he first laid eyes on them. He knew what the men of the city were like, and that is why he invited the strangers to his house. Regardless, that doesn't excuse his behavior at all.

Why didn't he just offer himself up? The story makes it clear that the men of the city were after men anyway. Most parents that I know would put themselves in harm's way to protect their children. Not Lot. His first reaction is to send his virgin daughters out to an angry mob of men who are bent on doing evil. What kind of parent would do that? It gets worse. The daughters, we find out later in the story, were engaged to be married.

I'll bet the house was getting a little tense, and I can't imagine that Lot was very popular with his daughters or his wife right then. Daddy's little girls are probably (and understandably) a

⁴ 2 Peter 2:6-8

little ticked off, and I can't even imagine what must have been going through his wife's head after hearing what Lot's solution to the problem was. The Scripture doesn't record any domestic grumblings, but imagine if you were Lot's wife or one of his daughters. How would you feel about Lot at this point?

Imagine what kind of affect his behavior had on his daughters. If they had ever thought of their father as their protector, that was gone. If his wife ever thought that Lot had the best interests of his family at heart, that notion was certainly shattered. A trust had been broken. The sanctity of Lot's home had been violated; and not by the evil men at the door. Lot himself had destroyed the faith of his own family by his bizarre actions. The relationship between Lot and his family was forever altered, as evidenced by what would later transpire. So, what exactly prompted Lot to make this despicable error?

Lot got scared.

Lot become afraid at the sight of the mob at his door, and rather than have faith in the God of Abraham, he acted in haste, and forever damaged his family in the process. We can see this clearly as we read more of the story.

(Genesis 19:9-16 GNB) *But they (the men of the city) said, "Get out of our way, you foreigner! Who are you to tell us what to do? Out of our way, or we will treat you worse than them." They pushed Lot back and moved up to break down the door. (10) But the two men inside reached out, pulled Lot back into the house, and shut the door. (11) Then they struck all the men outside with blindness, so that they couldn't find the door. (12) The two men said to Lot, "If you have anyone else here---sons, daughters, sons-in-law, or any other relatives living in the city---get them out of here, (13) because we are going to destroy this place. The LORD has heard the terrible accusations against these people and has sent us to destroy Sodom." (14) Then Lot went to the men that his daughters were going to marry, and said, "Hurry up and get out of here; the LORD is going to destroy this place." But they thought he was joking. (15) At dawn the angels tried to make Lot hurry. "Quick!" they said. "Take your wife and your two daughters and get out, so that you will not lose your lives when the city is destroyed." (16) Lot hesitated. The LORD, however, had pity on him; so the men took him, his wife, and his two daughters by the hand and led them out of the city.*

Lot just can't seem to get it together at all. Even when the angels warn him of the impending destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, he still hesitates to the point that the angels had to literally drag him by the hand to get him out of the city. Have you ever heard the phrase, "paralyzed by fear"? That is what is happening to Lot. From the beginning of this story, Lot has allowed fear to cloud his judgment.

I suppose that you could make the argument that he was trying to do the right thing by protecting the two strangers. But you see; there's the problem. If we are operating out of fear, then even when we try to do something good, it can fall apart disastrously. There is an old saying, "*The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.*" That certainly applies in this situation. Whatever Lot's intentions were, the outcome was undeniably bad.

So what causes us to operate in fear? We know that fear is not of God.

(2 Timothy 1:6-7 MKJV⁵) *Therefore I remind you to inflame anew the gift of God, which is in you by the putting on of my hands. (7) For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

Fear is a tactical tool used by the enemy to get us to make quick decisions. When, as human beings, we are confronted with danger, peril, and the like; we experience what is called the "fight or flight" syndrome. Our bodies react physiologically to prepare us to handle the situation at hand. Heart rate increases. Breathing becomes more rapid. Our brain releases adrenaline into our bloodstream. Our physical body prepares us to either fight whatever is endangering us, or to run away from the situation as fast as we can. Here's the kicker, though. Our body doesn't know which tactic we will choose. It prepares for both. It is up to us to decide what we are going to do.

Therein lies the true danger of fear.

Stressful situations require action. But the actions that we choose all depend on our decision making abilities. We determine, beforehand, how we will react to a given situation. We set a pattern in our lives long before the situation comes to us. The pattern that we set has to do with whether or not we have Faith in God, or we Lean to Our Own Understanding. The Word is pretty specific in illustrating which is the better option.

(Proverbs 3:5 MKJV) *Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding.*

What fear does is that it highlights, dramatically, which method we have chosen to implement in our lives. When faced with the need to make a quick decision, we revert to our default operating system. Let me give you an example of how this works.

⁵ Modern King James Version

I am a PC user. This book is being typed and edited and researched on a PC. If I want to go online to surf the Net, I do it on a PC. When I download music, I download it using a PC. I know what all the buttons do, I know how all the programs work, and I am comfortable with just about every aspect of my computer. It is the operating system that I know and that I am accustomed to.

Recently, a woman from my church got a new computer and asked me to come to her house and help her get it set up and running. When I got there, I realized that she had purchased a Mac. I was lost. The setup for the whole operating system was foreign to me. The buttons weren't in the same places, I didn't recognize the programs, and I generally felt like I had little to no working knowledge of how to operate the system. I had to actually (gulp!) read the instructions.

I couldn't make any quick decisions while setting up her new computer, because I was unfamiliar with how the whole thing operated. I didn't know the proper commands to make it do what I wanted to. It even took me a significant amount of time just to figure out which program let me get to the Internet. I had to look through the manual to find out how to do what I wanted to do. There was nothing wrong with the operating system on the computer; the problem was all with me not knowing how to operate it.

The same thing happens with us in terms of which operating system we have determined that we will use. We choose whether or not we allow our system to be one that puts our faith in God; or one that leans to our own understanding. Each time we make a decision in our lives, we choose between the will of God, and leaning to our own understanding. This forms a pattern each time we do it. We become accustomed to operating in one manner or another. Once we become accustomed to one way of doing things, then the other way appears foreign to us. We don't know the proper thing to do under that system. Lot is the perfect example.

Lot had followed Abraham, had spent time with him, he knew that Abraham had covenant with God; and yet, when push came to shove, Lot listened to the voice of his own understanding, rather than the voice of God. We can see from the Bible that this was not the first time that Lot leaned to his own understanding, rather than seeking God's will.

(Genesis 13:5-13 ESV) And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, (6) so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, (7) and there was strife between the

herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land. (8) Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. (9) Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." (10) And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) (11) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. (12) Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. (13) Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.

We see in verse 10 that Lot looked and saw what appeared to be the best option available. It says in this passage of Scripture that the Jordan Valley looked like the Garden of the Lord (Eden). So, Lot decides that this is where he will stay. He doesn't take into account what we find out in verse 13, that the men of Sodom were wicked. To his eyes, the Jordan Valley appeared to be the best choice. We know now that he was horrifically mistaken.

Lot set into motion the events that would eventually lead to his ruin simply by leaning to his own understanding, rather than seeking the will of God. Do you think that if he had asked God what he should do, that God would have warned him about Sodom? Absolutely. God knew what the men of Sodom were like. He knew what kind of hardships would come to Lot if he dwelled there. The problem is that Lot never asked.

He set the operating system for his life to one that was based on what he, Lot, thought was best. He began forming a habit of listening to himself rather than seeking God. Don't forget that he dwelled in Sodom.⁶ Everyday that he woke up, he decided to stay there. He decided to remain surrounded by wickedness. At any point, he could have sought the will of God, and God would have told him to get as far away from Sodom as possible. But, again, Lot never asked.

Not only did it lead to his bad decisions, it also set an example that his family would follow. He was teaching them, through his own actions, what operating system was the right one. He taught them that it is better to trust what you think, and what you want to do; rather than listening to the Word of the Lord. We know that Lot's wife disregarded the Word of the Lord, and looked back when they were fleeing from Sodom, and it cost her dearly.

⁶ By reading Genesis, chapters 16 and 17, we can ascertain that Lot must have dwelled in Sodom for at least 13 years.

(Genesis 19:17 ESV) *And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."*

(Genesis 19:25-26 ESV) *And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. (26) But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.*

Lot's wife paid the ultimate price for placing her own will above the Word of the Lord. You can argue for days about what made her look back. Maybe she wanted to see the destruction. Maybe she never wanted to leave, and she turned around to get one last glimpse of her home. Who knows? It really isn't important. What is important is that she rejected the Word of the Lord, and did what she wanted to do. It was an example that had been set by her husband.

You would think that Lot would pay attention to all that was going on, and start making a conscious effort to do exactly what the Word of the Lord said to do. However, even after all of this, Lot continued to be manipulated by fear. Fear is like a virus that corrupts your operating system. It will not stop attacking you. It will work its way into your life, until every single thing is affected by it. The angels told Lot in verse 17 to "escape to the hills" to avoid the judgment coming to Sodom and Gomorrah. Look at how Lot responds to the Word of the Lord.

(Genesis 19:18-24 ESV) *And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords. (19) Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtakes me and I die. (20) Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there--is it not a little one?--and my life will be saved!" (21) He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this favor also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. (22) Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. (23) The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. (24) Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven.*

Again, Lot leans to his own understanding, and allows his fear to influence his decision making. God has mercy and allows Lot to stay in Zoar, even though He had told Lot to go to the hills. God is so merciful, that He will try to work with us even when we are not listening to what He says. God has worked overtime with Lot, so to speak, to get him out of harm's way. God even alters the place of safety, based upon the wishes of Lot.

Originally, God had told Lot to flee to the hills, but Lot wanted to stay in Zoar, so God spared Zoar for Lot, and made Zoar the place of safety. He even tells Lot to move quickly

because He can't do anything until Lot gets to Zoar. What a merciful God. Surely, this gesture would convince Lot that he was safe. Surely, after all of this that has transpired, Lot will finally believe the Word of the Lord. If you are now thinking that Lot is going to screw up again, then sadly you are right.

(Genesis 19:30 GNB) *Because Lot was afraid to stay in Zoar, he and his two daughters moved up into the hills and lived in a cave.*

Here we go again! Lot becomes afraid, and forgets the Word of the Lord. He leans to his own understanding and leaves the new place of safety and goes to live in a cave up in the hills. Some might argue that Lot ended up where God wanted him in the first place, but that would be wrong. God changed the plans to accommodate Lot, so the place of safety was where God had told Lot that he would be safe, namely: Zoar. And furthermore, God never told Lot to go and live in a cave. That fact holds significance that we will see here in just a little bit.

Lot has so conditioned himself to lean to his own understanding, that he can't break the cycle. He has become addicted to his own will. Every time that fear arises within him, he reacts by choosing his own will over the will of God. Every time! His default operating system is stuck on one mode and one mode only. He doesn't know how to listen to the Word of the Lord, because he has no experience with that system. The same way that I had no experience with a Mac as opposed to a PC; Lot has no experience following the Will of the Lord.

And since he has no experience personally, then he most definitely has not properly instructed his daughters; which leads us back to what they did while they were hiding in the cave.

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Lot's daughters were attacked by fear. They became afraid that there were no other men alive that would give them children. They were afraid that the whole human race was hanging in the balance, and rather than seeking God about what they should do, they came up with their own solution to the problem and the rest is history. This was learned behavior! They had seen their father and their mother operate in this way; so they in turn operated in the manner that was patterned for them.

It is obvious to us that the whole world was not destroyed, and that there were other men out there who would have been able to marry them and give them children. It should have been obvious to them as well. The angels never said that the whole world was going to be destroyed.

(Genesis 19:15 ESV) *As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city."*

If they had been listening, then they would have heard that only a specific area was going to be punished. Not the whole world. But, they had never been trained in how to listen to the Word of the Lord. They had been trained their whole lives to lean to their own understanding. And when you add to that, the fact that they were now living in a cave, and you can see how fear would convince them that the whole world was destroyed. Let me explain what I mean.

When you are in a cave, you have only one point of view towards the outside world: the cave entrance. The only part of the world that you can see from inside the cave is the part of the world that you can see through the cave's entrance. If this cave that they were hiding in had an entrance that faced toward Sodom and Gomorrah, then the only image of the outside world that Lot's daughters could see would have been one of destruction. The whole valley was burning. Their entrance didn't have to even be facing directly at Sodom and Gomorrah, it just had to be facing the valley, and it would have appeared to them inside the cave that the world was being destroyed.

Had they been outside of the cave, then they could have looked around and seen that the rest of the world was not sharing the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. They would have seen that God's punishment was not upon all mankind. They would have known that they were not alone, and that God's mercy had provided them safety and rescue. But they didn't. Why? Because in the throes of fear, they hid in a cave, even after God had told them that they would be safe from

the destruction of the two wicked cities. Again, Lot's stubborn refusal to heed the Word of the Lord was causing destruction in his life and in the life of his family.

And the problems didn't end there.

(Genesis 19:37-38 GNB) *The older daughter had a son, whom she named Moab. He was the ancestor of the present-day Moabites. (38) The younger daughter also had a son, whom she named Benammi. He was the ancestor of the present-day Ammonites.*

We know from the rest of the Old Testament that the Moabites and the Ammonites would torment the children of Israel for generations. Those peoples came into existence as a direct result of the decisions made by Lot and his daughters. The descendants of Moab and Benammi would go on to occupy modern-day Jordan; an avowed enemy of the nation of Israel. Furthermore, there would spring a dynasty of kings from Benammi. That royal succession would eventually manifest itself in the form of a powerful political party in a nearby country known as the Baath Party.⁷ Perhaps you have heard of it. More than likely you have at least heard of one of its most notorious leaders. His name was Saddam Hussein.

You see, the effects of the decisions that we make can have implications that we never would have imagined. Our decisions can have consequences that we could never foresee through our own understanding. That is why it is so important to listen to the Word of the Lord, and to seek His guidance in all that we do. We have to condition ourselves to place greater value on what God tells us than on what we think is best. We have to familiarize ourselves with the Will of God for our lives, and make our decisions based on that.

We have to set our operating system up so that in the moment of fear, we react by seeking the Will of God, rather than resorting to what we know, or think we know. We have to create a habit in our lives of searching out the Will of God. If Lot had done so, then none of these horrible things would have happened. All of his bad decisions started with his first decision to choose to live in the land of Sodom which, according to how he saw it, was the best place for him to be. We should never trust in what we see. 2 Corinthians 5:7 tells us to ***“walk by faith and not by sight”***.

⁷ “Descendants of Abraham, Part II: Lot, Moab, Ammon, and Esau”, (Edition 1.1 20070220-20070220-20070416), Copyright 2007. Available at www.ccg.org

We simply cannot create a habit of leaning to our own understanding, because when we make decisions based on what we know, then we are making decisions without having all of the information. Who do you think does have all the information? Who do you think is trying to speak to us all the time and get us to do those things that will bring blessing into our lives? Who do you think has our best interests at heart?

The entire Bible is a conversation that God is attempting to have with Man. And what is He trying to tell us?

Trust in HIM.