

## What Happens When You Choose Self?

Genesis 13:1-13; 19:1-26

*Dysfunctional Families*

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What can we learn from Lot? - "Lot chose for himself" (13:11).

- 1) He chose for himself for mainly **financial** and **personal** reasons and not spiritual (v.10-11)
  - a. It would solve an **immediate problem**. (13:6-7).
  - b. It would be a good **financial** decision.
  - c. It was a **beautiful place** v.10.
- 2) He chose for himself without regard for the **sinful culture** (v.13).
  - a. Sodom was very **proud**, very well fed, very idle, very indifferent, very **self-centered**.
  - b. Sodom **committed** and **approved** of abominations (19:1-11)
- 3) He chose for himself without regard for his family. What did Lot fail to consider?
  - a. He was separating himself from any **spiritual mentor**.
  - b. He failed to separate himself from the **evil around** him (13:12).
  - c. He failed to see that his compromise made him lose any **righteous influence** in Sodom. 19:9
  - d. He failed to see the influence that Sodom had **on his children**. 19:14
  - e. He failed to lead **his wife** (Gen 19:26)
- 4) He chose for himself and he left a legacy of **disaster** and **malice** in his family (Chapter 19).

Does this have anything to do with us today? 1 Co 10:11 *Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*

Fathers (Men) – two important suggestions:

- Look to God to find out his will and his plan; don't trust your **heart's desires**.

Look for a **godly man** to help you stay in God's will. He is your accountability partner.