

LOT—A BEACON

Chapter 9

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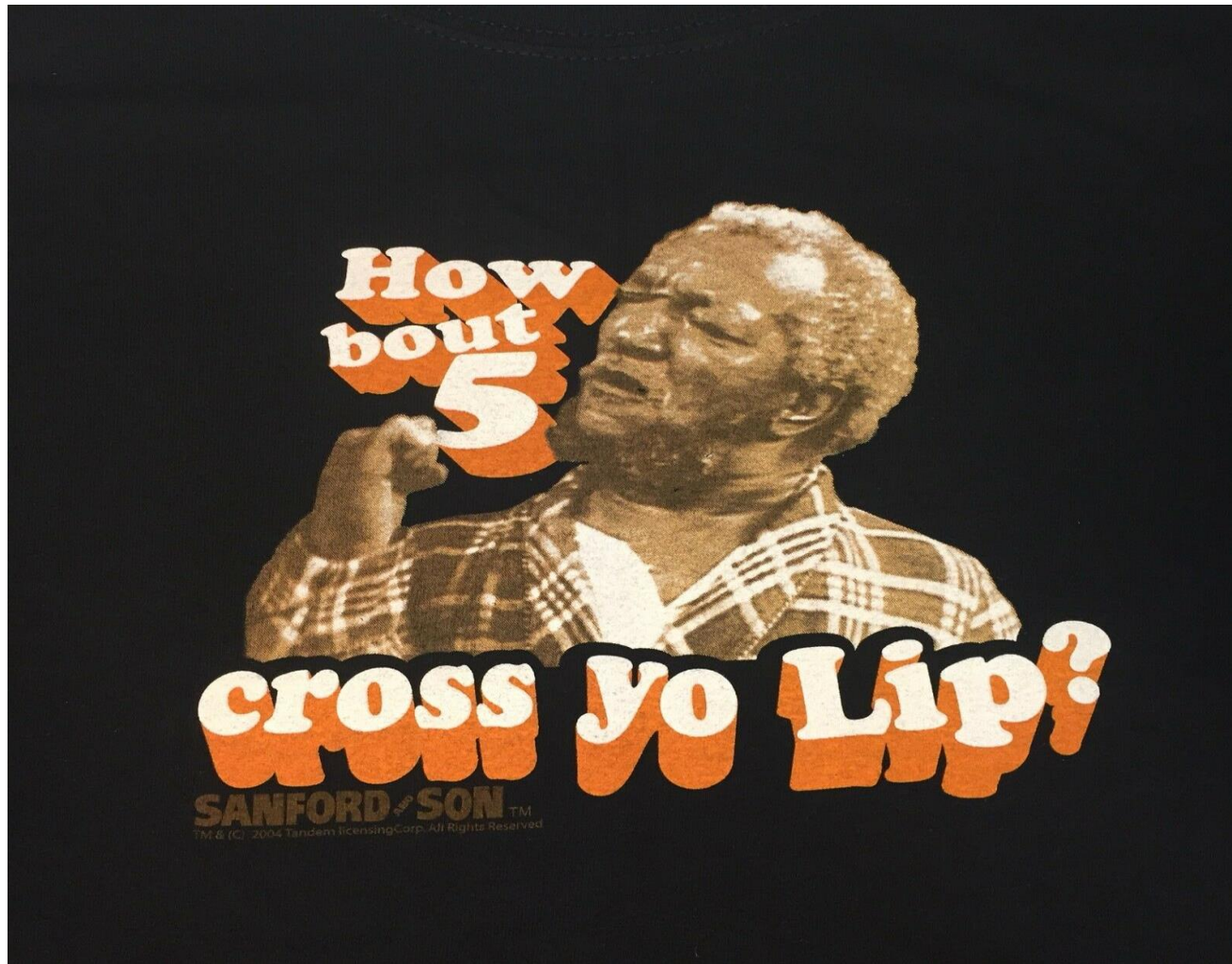
Key Verse

- “He lingered.” *Genesis* 19:16
- Definition: “To be slow in parting or in quitting something.”

What was Lot??

- “True believer”
- “A real child of God”
- “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.”
 - 2 Peter 2:7-8

Sanford Approach



Good to Remember

“[L]et us remember that a true Christian may have a blemish, many a defect, many an infirmity, and yet be a true Christian nevertheless.” p. 203

But No Excuse to Linger

- Lot knew the city was wicked
- He was present when the angels struck the mob blind
- Evidence of belief by telling his sons-in-law

Lot Lingers

- Not up at dawn ready to travel
- “the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them.”
 - Genesis 19:16
- Begs to go to the city of Zoar, rather than the mountains as instructed by the angels.

Why linger on the verge of destruction?

- Early decisions and patterns
- Chose destination by sight not faith
- Bible reveals no prayer for wisdom
- Did not care his neighbors would be wicked
- Lot thought first of personal profit and riches.

Remember Lot When Choosing...

- A dwelling place
- A profession
- A spouse

“Grace is a tender plant. Unless you cherish it and nurse it well, it will soon become sickly in this evil world. It may droop, though it cannot die.” p. 211

Fruit of a lingering spirit

- Lot did no good among the inhabitants of Sodom.
- Lot did no good among his family.
- Left no evidences behind him at all.

What causes your lingering?

- Internet
- Comfort or sloth
- Sport or recreation
- Status in the world

Warning

“Ah, if you are a lingering soul, you are not happy! You know you are not. It would be strange indeed if you were. Lingering is the sure destruction of a happy Christianity. A lingerer’s conscience forbids him to enjoy inward peace.” p.207