

My Time with God / Session 8

Day 1

Read Genesis 13:1-9.

- What caused Abram and Lot to part ways?
- What would it take to make you and your best friend part ways?
- What if your best friend spread rumors about you?

No matter what stirs up problems between you and others, the end result should be peace. As Christians, we are to be peacemakers. Abram and Lot could not continue together, so Abram offered Lot any land he wanted and agreed to take what was left. We should be willing to do the same. We should offer others the best that we have.

Day 2

Read Genesis 13:10-18.

- Why did Lot choose the land he chose?
- What principle should guide our decisions?

When you get together with friends, one of the first questions you hear is, “What do you want to do?” Most people, not wanting to be rude, say, “It doesn’t matter to me. What do you want to do?” But, on occasion, you will be given a direct answer. Lot, when asked by Abram to choose the land he wanted, didn’t hesitate. He looked over all the land and chose the best for himself. He was guided by greed. He was selfish, never thinking of Abram. More detrimental to himself, he never once pondered what was best for him or his soul. Who or what guides your decisions?

Day 3

Read Genesis 18:16-22.

- Why did God share His plan of judgment with Abraham?
- It’s fun to make plans and it’s exciting to hear about the plans of others. But why do you think people share their plans?
- Do you think they seek approval, or perhaps another’s opinion?

God shared His plan with Abraham to show him that He does judge sin. Abraham was responsible for teaching his children to keep the ways of the Lord and God wanted him to see what a great responsibility he had been given. We, too, have the great responsibility of following God’s teachings, representing Christ, and sharing the gospel with the world.

Day 4

Read Genesis 18:23-33.

- Why did Abraham question God’s judgment of Sodom?

Sometimes, at school, the whole class is punished because of the behavior of the majority. It just doesn’t seem fair to the few

who are doing the right thing. But what would happen if you tried to argue your case with the teacher? Would she be fair and reconsider or refuse to relent? Can you imagine having a discussion of this sort with God? Abraham did just that and we can, too. He pleaded with God to spare Sodom for the sake of the few righteous who were dwelling there. We can plead with God for the salvation of our friends and family. God is merciful and just and He will listen.

Day 5

Read Genesis 19:1-11.

- How had Lot’s attitude changed since living in Sodom?

Do you remember the first time you heard a “bad word”? You probably cupped your hands over your mouth and stared, wide-eyed, at the culprit. Then, you most likely told someone about it. By now, you probably don’t give it a second thought. We hear profanity on television, at the supermarket, and at school. Because we hear it so often, we have become desensitized to it. Our attitude toward sin changes; we become tolerant at best, participants at worst.

Day 6

Read Genesis 19:12-22.

- Why did the angels take Lot’s hand and lead him out of the city?
- How can we, like Lot, escape to the mountains?
- Are you or someone you know mixed up with the “wrong crowd”?

Sometimes, we become friends with people who become a bad influence. But, by the time we realize that they are pulling us away from God, we like them too much to separate ourselves from them. We know that they impact our relationship with God in a negative way; yet, we enjoy hanging out with them. We need someone to come along and help us escape to the mountains. We need someone to help us break free of that relationship and move on to relationships that honor God.

Day 7

Read Genesis 19:23-29.

- Why is God’s judgment fair?
- How can we intercede for others?

If God hates sin and must judge unrighteousness, then why pray? Many people ponder the impact of prayer. Prayer can change things. God hears our prayers and He is merciful. Salvation can only come by God’s grace through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. But, our prayers can impact others. Lot was saved by God’s grace at the pleading of Abraham. Whom are you pleading for?