



**Fathers: We Have A
“Lot” To Consider!
2 Peter 2:4-9**

Observations

- Today we will discuss the need for fathers to be “Intercessors” and the need for our own “Intercession.”
- Intercessor - One who pleads with or intervenes to God on behalf of others
- Much of our prayer life asks for God’s blessings and guidance in our own lives
- Intercessory prayers on the other hand, seek God’s blessings on the lives of others.
- God is very impressed with people who care about others enough, to intercede on their behalf
- Fathers: The life of the intercessor is pivotal to the request of the intercessor, for moving the mind of God! James 5:16

Observations

- **Genesis chapter 11 tells us that a man named Terah had 3 sons, Abram (Abraham), Nahor, and Haran**
- **Haran had a son by the name of Lot**
- **Haran died leaving Lot to be adopted by his grandfather, Terah, Genesis 11:2;, but he died as well, verse 32, thus leaving Abraham, his uncle, to take over the protection and safety of his nephew, Lot, as he grew into manhood.**

A Family Feud Arose!

“Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. And quarreling arose between Abram’s herders and Lot’s. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at the time

So Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Is not the whole land before you? Let’s part company. If you go to the left, I’ll go to the right; if you go to the right, I’ll go to the left.” Genesis 13:5-9

Observations

- Lot lifted up his eyes and scanned what he thought was an ideal place for himself and his family, the valley of Jordan with plenty of water for his herds and cattle; and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah thrived with energy, Genesis 13:10
- One verse in the Bible is dedicated to Sodom and Gomorrah:
“Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and were (flagrantly) sinning against the Lord.” Gen. 13:13
- Church, beware of a country, a city, a household, or a person, that flagrantly abuses the blessings that God gives them
- Beware when God gets *“fed up”* with us

God's Relationship With Abraham is Pivotal for His Nephew

- Lot is living near Sodom and Gomorrah, cities which were about to be destroyed, because of their brazened sinfulness and thus the precipitation of God's judgment
- Notice that God's relationship with Abraham causes Him to rethink His course of action, Genesis 18:17
"..Shall I hide from Abraham what I'm about to do?"
- God's thinking: "Doesn't my relationship with Lot's uncle Abraham require me to let him know what's about to go down in Lot's place of residence"
- Question, Fathers: Can our obedience (alone) to God precipitate His mercy and favor on our behalf, and on behalf of those we love?

Genesis 18:19

“For I know him (Abraham), that he will command His children and His household after Him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

- **As a father, Abraham had a character toward God that was predictable (*I know him*)**
- **As a father, God says that Abraham’s Godly obedience would predictably spill over into his children to be Godly as well**

Abraham → Isaac → Jacob → Joseph → Jesus

Abraham, as a Father, Intercedes on his Nephew's Behalf!

- Abraham, while standing before the Lord, raises an issue to him: *“If you are going to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, will you destroy the righteous with the wicked?”* *Genesis 18:23* (*“surely not, you are too just to do that!”*)
- *“Lord if that be true, but you find 50 righteous people there, will you save the cities?”* *Verse 24*
- Abraham lowers his number to 45, 40, even 30 and 20; *Verses 28-31*
- What God knew was that Abraham was interceding on behalf of Lot, his nephew who lived there
- Abraham bargains with God's mercy and negotiates the salvation of the cities all the way down to 10 righteous citizens (unfortunately for the cities there were fewer than 5)

Lot's Family Was Rescued From the Cities and They Were Destroyed!

“But God also rescued Lot out of Sodom because he was a righteous man who was sick of the shameful immorality of the wicked people around him. Yes, Lot was a righteous man who was tormented in his soul by the wickedness he saw and heard day after day.

So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue Godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment. He is especially hard on those who follow their own twisted sexual desire, and who despise authority.....” NLT. 2 Peter 2:7-10

Observations

- Notice that Lot and his two daughters were saved as a direct result of his Uncle Abraham acting as an **“Surrogate Father”** interceding on their behalf (Lot’s wife was not as fortunate)

“And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham (and his fatherly intercession), and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.”
Genesis 19:29

- Notice that Lot hesitated on leaving his house when God’s angels came to escort he and his family out of the doomed cities, Genesis 19:16 (they had to grab the whole family)

Fathers, There Is a “Lot” to Consider

Abraham Teaches Us That Surrogate Fathers Can Identify Themselves In the Lives Of Others!

- When Lot’s father and grandfather died, Abraham assumed a spiritual and social influence in his nephew’s life; he took on the role
- Lot is known in scripture as a “righteous man.” 2 Peter 2:7. Surely Abraham, his uncle, had something to do with that!
Lot wasn’t destroyed while fleeing Sodom, like his wife
- With the paucity of fathers in American homes today, Surrogate Spiritual Fathers are needed as “*INTERCESSORS*” more than ever before
- Interceding for someone doesn’t manipulate God; but it does impress Him, and He responds to it (Notice, Lot isn’t talking)

Surrogate Fathers Know That a Child's Lack of Necessities Are Not Always Their Fault!

- **Many children grow up as victims of circumstance like Lot (some parents die untimely, others abdicate their roles)**
- **It pleases God that spiritual surrogate fathers care enough to intercede on a child's behalf. For example, earlier in Genesis chapter 14, Abram rescued Lot when the city of Sodom was taken captive by its enemies**
- **Even if the children do not cooperate and respond to God's grace through you, it is still a successful ministry**
- **It is successful because it pleases God and makes us more like Christ (It's standing in the gap for someone you love)**
- **Many a child has gone on to be successful in life because someone in their lives interceded for them at a time when they needed them**

***This Story Shows Us
That If We Can Touch
Just a Few Lives, It Can
Hold Back the Judgment
Of God!***

As God's Children, We Need an Intercessor Too!

“Likewise the spirit also helpeth with our infirmities (weaknesses) for we know not what to pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself maketh INTERCESSION for us with groanings (wordless sighs) which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26

Christ is our mediator – 1 Timothy 2:5

(He resolves the conflict between us and God)

Christ is our propitiator (atonement) – 1 John 2:1-2

(He satisfies God's judgment against us)

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believer the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38