

## **GROWING STRONG**

### **THE BIG CONSEQUENCES OF LITTLE CHOICES**

Genesis 13:5-13

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*So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, **and moved his tents as far as Sodom.** Genesis 13:11-12*

**To grow spiritually, you must be careful in making choices.**

#### **1. Many Christians make terrible choices.**

A. They choose based on money and materialism.

*And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere ... Genesis 13:10a*

B. They choose based on compromise and rationalization.

*... like the Garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar. Genesis 13:10b*

C. They choose based on selfishness.

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself. Philippians 2:3*

#### **2. Many Christians don't think through their choices.**

A. Where does this choice lead?

*... and moved his tents as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD. Genesis 13:12-13*

B. Will this choice help me grow and glorify God?

*Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." 1 Corinthians 15:33*

C. What does this choice say about my heart and character?

*... for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward*

*appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7*

### **3. Many Christians suffer terribly from their choices.**

*Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. Genesis 19:1*

#### **A. They get warped.**

*“Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof.” Genesis 19:7-8*

#### **B. They experience torment.**

*... and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds).  
2 Peter 2:7-8*

#### **C. They suffer loss.**

*If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:14-15*

**You can choose like Abraham.**

**You can choose wisely starting today!**

*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:7*