

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

We will take a closer look today but in the story of Lot and his family, all was destroyed except Lot and his two daughters, as we'll soon see. Lot's wife, though, wasn't counted among the survivors.

Women what can we learn from this?

Let's see what Jesus said about this account...

Luke 17: 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his [i]goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Who is Lot's Wife?

She's another of the no-name women of the Bible that didn't heed God's Word, married to a man whose chief claim to fame was his uncle, the great patriarch Abram (soon to be renamed Abraham).

Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD. Genesis 13:10

Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. Genesis 13:12-13

Gen 18:32 32 Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.”

Two realizations leap into my heart at this truth: (1) God’s mercy stretches further than we can imagine, and (2) he is withholding fire and brimstone even now, for our sake, that we might let others know that judgment awaits them ... and so does grace.

Gen 19: 12 Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! 13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it.” 14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking. 15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.” 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that [b]he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be [c]destroyed.”

Gen 19:24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He [e]overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Some of us might think oh that's so sad. But let's look deeper into this woman.

The angels came to Lot's house...a mob came to the house trying to get to the "guests" and have relations with them.... This is what Lot said...

"Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them." Genesis 19:8

We don't hear one word from Lot's wife? Still not a word from Lot's wife, the mother of two vulnerable daughters offered as a living sacrifice to a bunch of riotous violent men.

The Angels had to step in to save Lot's life from the rioters

Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door. Genesis 19:11

So Lot's wife saw the miraculous power the angels had...but she didn't do what they told her to do in the end.

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One note here: Lot and his wife...had allowed his daughters to be betrothed to men of Sodom—to be unequally yoked, the righteous to the unrighteous.

Gen 19:16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters,

Lot was lingering?? Where was Lot's wife? Sounds like she was lingering too. The Angels had to take hold of his and her hand to walk them out of the city.??

Surely he wasn't dragging his feet because of his family—they were going with him. His sons-in-law had laughed in his face,

Why did she look back?

Lot's wife wasn't ready, not even when she was warned.