

Walking into God's Tomorrow

Series: *“Earthquakes and Aftershocks”*

Message #2: Genesis 19:14-26

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Genesis 19:12-17, 23-26 – *Then the angels said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here: a son-in-law, your sons and daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of this place, ¹³for we are about to destroy this place because the outcry against its people is so great before the LORD, that the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”*

14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were going to marry his daughters. “Get up,” he said. “Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

15 At daybreak the angels urged Lot on: “Get up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the

city.” ¹⁶But he hesitated. Because of the LORD’s compassion for him, the men grabbed his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters. They brought him out and left him outside the city.

¹⁷As soon as the angels got them outside, one of them said, “Run for your lives! Don’t look back and don’t stop anywhere on the plain! Run to the

mountains, or you will be swept away!” ...

²³The sun had risen over the land when Lot reached Zoar. ²⁴Then out of the sky the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah burning sulfur from the LORD. ²⁵He demolished these cities, the entire plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and whatever grew on the ground. ²⁶But Lot’s wife looked back and became a pillar of salt.

1. The looking back of DESIRE:

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- Aftershocks – what you forfeit:
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Ongoing Repentance

2. The looking back of DENIAL:

Looking back to a PAINFUL Past

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- Aftershocks – what you forfeit:
Joy & assurance

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Genuine Forgiveness

3. The looking back of DESPAIR:

Looking back to a SHAMEFUL Past

2 Corinthians 7:10–11 (CSB) – *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly grief produces death. ¹¹For consider how much diligence this very thing—this grieving as God wills—has produced in you: what a desire to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what deep longing, what zeal, what justice! In every way you showed yourselves to be pure in this matter.*

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Acceptance

1. RECEIVE the forgiveness God offers.

1 John 1:9 (CSB) – *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

2. REFLECT: What did I learn?

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3. REMEMBER that God has forgiven you.

4. REALIZE that God's standards are the ones by which to judge your life, not your own.

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5. REJECT the notion you can suffer enough to pay for your sin.