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**“The uncommitted life isn’t worthy of living”**

**Marshall Fishwick**  
- American Writer



# Do We Live In Spiritual Sodom & Gomorrah?

## ■ Genesis 19:1-17, 21-26

Are we lingering in worldliness?

- Lot is an example of a true Christian, “who appears to know far more than he lives up to; he can see and understand far more than he practices”.



# Considerations: Lot & Lot's Wife

- Lot represents those who, “dread personal sacrifice and shrink from self-denial”.
- Lot represents those who, “cannot do battle with their sin”.
- **Luke 17:26-32** “Remember Lot's wife”
  - She sought to save her “life” (material possessions, etc.), but lost it.
  - She sought to save the way of life (prominence) or manner of living.
  - I John 2:15 “Love not the world...”



# Ancient Israel and the Covenant Agreement

- **Exodus 19:1-8** "...if you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My possession...a kingdom of priests and a holy nation...All that the Lord has spoken we will do..."
- **Genesis 2:23-24** Marriage is a symbol of oneness and commitment
- With Covenant comes commitments of the parties making the agreement / legal contract.
- Consequences of our choices are things we do not want to consider.



# Use of Faith / Element of Risk

- **Ecclesiastes 11:1** / Faith has risk / "Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days."
- **Song of Solomon 3:1-5** / Commitment / "...I sought him, but did not find him...I found him whom my soul loves; I held on to him and would not let him go..."
- **Hosea 4:1-2** / Knowledge & Acknowledgment of God / "Listen to the word of the Lord...For the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land..."
- **Joel 2:13-15** / Readiness & Preparation / "And rend your heart and not your garments...consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly."

Faith is the willingness to risk anything on God.

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# Pressures of Life



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## ■ Matthew 10:34-39 – Evaluate Ourselves

### – Peer Pressure

- Proverbs 1:10 “My son, if sinners try to lead you into sin, do not go with them.”

### – Family Pressure

- Luke 14:26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.”

### – Pressure of Living in this World

- James 1:3-13 “because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything...”



# Devotion vs. Dedication

- **Is there really a difference between devotion and dedication?**
- **Difference:**
  - Devotion refers to a great love or used in a religious setting.
  - Dedication refers to a person's general attitude or a commitment towards upholding a principle.
  - *Devotion presents a strong feeling of love or loyalty towards another being or task.*

# “Renew Your Devotion...”

## ■ Revelation 2:4-5

- Devotion means “to vow completely” or “dedicated by a vow”.
- Baptism is an outward show of devotion to give your life to God; complete dedication, total surrender.

