

STOP LINGERING ON STUFF!

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GENESIS 19:16 NKJV – (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.

How often have I messed up focusing on things! Things not of God. Not wanting to move on because I was complacent or comfortable. Not recognizing that the Holy Spirit was trying to teach me about my surroundings. And today I thank God for His mercies. Sending His angels to remove me from the danger I was about to cause myself or someone else. Reminding me to move forward less you turn into a pillar of salt like Lot's wife who rather enjoyed life instead of the truth.

Lot lingers. Even with a mob out to destroy him and those with him, Lot lingers. Even with powerful angels telling him to run to escape the wrath of God, Lot lingers. Why? We're not told, lingering seems to be what has gotten Lot into this danger in the first place. He could have taken his family and left Sodom long ago, but he stayed. He waited. The wickedness grew worse and worse all around him, and he just didn't leave. Even in these last moments before judgment fell, Lot finds it difficult to force himself to leave behind the evil place he called home.

The angels, however, will not wait any longer. They grab all four members of Lot's family by the hand and seemingly drag them outside of the city to a safe distance. Why do they force Lot to go? We're told it's because the Lord is merciful. The next time you think about that brick wall you could have ran into, thank God you didn't.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 26:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Always remember your focus determines your reality.

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