

**A Lot of Fire**  
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Intro:

What do you do when you face a **Defining Moment Decision?**

- \* The **big three**- Our Master; Our Spouse; Our Career
- \* Many face them but we don't realize that we face them.
- \* The bible talks much about **DMD's**.
- \* Today we will talk **about a man that made MAJOR DMD** that had tremendous ramifications.

**This man can help us make the RIGHT decisions...**

**NOTE: Abram put family peace over personal gain! Good word for all of us.  
Not fighting over the spoils when a rich relative dies.**

What are some rules for making Defining Moment Decision?

**I. Downplay the UPSIDE while playing up the DOWNSIDE.** Gen. 13:11-13

(The upside not as up as you think & downside not as down as you think)

- **Gen 13:11** "After all I have to take care of my FAMILY.
- **Gen. 13:12** "He pitched his tent TOWARD".

**- Where is your tent pitched?**

Toward that flirtatious relationship at work?

Toward that business deal that has a little bit of GRAY area in it?

What are you moving toward? "I'm not moving into Sodom...I can handle it."

**NOTE: We are called to reach people in Sodom & Gomorrah- but NOT to be like them.  
We are all moving toward something --- which way are you moving?**

- \* How much Lot considered the goodness of the land- but not considering the wickedness of the Sodom.

\*\*\* The **Bible states categorically that sex outside of marriage is WRONG= SIN!**

One man & one woman in bed sharing this gift.

- Sex before marriage is SIN, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism- we love the sinner but hate the sin. (build a bridge & draw a line in the sand)
- The **sin thing captured God's eye. God is patient... but a God of judgment.**
- **Lot made the WRONG choice.**

- \* **How do you make the RIGHT choice? You are facing a DMD (Defining Moment Decision)**

**1. Build and altars**

- \* Abram made altar Gen 12:7, 8; 13:4 (returned to them)

**Altar**= symbolized communion & commemorated notable encounters with God.

We should have altars today- in my office do business with God.

- \*\*\* Lot never built an altar- why didn't he talk to Abram about his decisions?

**2. Build a board of counsel - an advisory board**

- \* Get the right people around you that will give you sound biblical advice.

**Pro 11:14; Pro 12:20; Pro 15:22; Pro 24:6** (Gen. 13:13 These are the wrong people for counsel)

**II. SELFISH DECISIONS USUALLY LEAD TO DESTRUCTION WHILE UNSELFISH DECISIONS LEAD TO LIFE**

- \* Lot only thought of himself- "I'm not going to go there God."

**Phil. 2:3-4** "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

### **III. BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD CHARACTER MORE THAN GOOD CHARACTER INFLUENCES BAD COMPANY**

**1 Cor. 15:33** "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

Lot did NOT keep good company!

"Every time God plays WIPE OUT - He Provides a WAY OUT!"

Examples:

1. Noah & the flood = way out the Ark
2. Nineveh- Jonah the running prophet - they all were saved
3. Our lives- we deserve WIPE OUT= Sinners= Hell; BUT the Way out Jesus

**Gen. 18:20-23** Abram hears Lord talking to the angels about Sodom- (WIPE out)  
(Gen 18:22-32 Abram asks the LORD 6 times (50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10) to spare the city (for Lot)

**Gen 19:1** "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot **sat** in the gate of Sodom..."

(Remember Genesis 13:12 "...and **pitched** his tent toward Sodom.")

**\* Not only was Lot in Sodom but Sodom was in Lot!**

**Gen 19:1b-5** "Know"- same as Gen 4:1 "Adam knew Eve & she conceived & bare a son..."

**Gen 19:6-9** Lot would give his virgin daughters-

Judgment is coming... but there is a way OUT!

**Rom. 6:23** "The wages of sin is death..."

Sin= brings judgment. Jesus has paid for the sin...

Maybe this is your warning- your way out.

### **IV. IT'S EASIER TO MAKE A FAST BREAK THAN A SLOW MOTION MOVE**

- \* In my life I try to the slow move - God wants a fast move away from Sin!
- \* We have to make a fast break from your sin.
  - Some of you have friendships that are messing you up- move fast!
  - Some involved in business partners that are messing you up- run, flee & don't look back.

\* **Gen. 19:14** See what happens when Lot tries to talk to his son's in law - "mocked"

**Gen 19:16**- the more I grow the more I see the mercy of God & it is AWSOME!

**Gen 19:26** The Dead Sea- salt columns at the south end near Zoar.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- \* So what do YOU do when you face a **Defining Moment Decisions?**