

# Remember

## Pt. 4 - Remember Lot's Wife

Opening joke - "I didn't think he would do it again!"

Note - Over 150 remember scriptures in the Bible.

- God wants us to remember the lessons other people had to learn the hard way.

Note - It is one of the main purposes of the Bible

1 Corinthians 10:11, These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

Quote - "Those who cannot remember the past are destined to repeat it." (George Santayana)

Luke 17:26-32, "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 "It was the same in the days of

Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. 32 Remember Lot’s wife!

Genesis 13 - Abraham and Lot part ways

Genesis 18 - Should I hide my plan from Abraham

Abraham intercedes 50, 40, 30, 10

Genesis 19 - The destroying angels arrive

19:15-17, 23-26, At dawn the next morning the angels became insistent. “Hurry,” they said to Lot. “Take your wife and your two daughters who are here. Get out right now, or you will be swept away in the destruction of the city!” 16 When Lot still hesitated, the angels seized his hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and rushed them to safety outside the city, for the LORD was merciful. 17 When they were safely out of the city, one of the angels ordered, “Run for your lives! And don’t look back or stop anywhere in the valley! Escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away!” 23 Lot reached the village just as

the sun was rising over the horizon. 24 Then the LORD rained down fire and burning sulfur from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah. 25 He utterly destroyed them, along with the other cities and villages of the plain, wiping out all the people and every bit of vegetation. 26 But Lot's wife looked back as she was following behind him, and she turned into a pillar of salt.

## **4 Things to Remember About Lot's Wife**

1. Remember her choice.

Genesis 13 Lot chooses the fertile, well-watered plains

Genesis 19 Lot has a high position in Sodom

Note - It obviously wasn't just Lot's choice to live in Sodom.

Hebrews 11:25, (Moses) chose to suffer with God's people rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a little while.

1 John 2:15, Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

Note - We are way too comfortable in Sodom!  
Expound on sodomy

Ezekiel 16:49-50, Sodom's sins were pride, gluttony, and laziness, while the poor and needy suffered outside her door. 50 She was proud and committed detestable sins, so I wiped her out, as you have seen.

Joshua 24:15, Choose this day, who will you serve?

2. Remember that she looked back.

Luke 9:62, But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

Note - The deception of unconditional eternal security

Revelation 3:5, All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.

Note - Even as judgement was being poured out, she longed to belong. (You can't fit in!)

### 3. Remember her form of judgement.

Matthew 5:13, "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless."

Note - Lot's wife's judgement was to be turned into a pillar of the thing she refused to be.

### 4. Remember Lot's wife's legacy.

Note - Lot's wife's sin set the stage for the incest that followed on the part of her daughters, resulting in two of Israel's greatest enemies - the Moabites and the Ammonites.

Exodus 20:5, You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected - even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.

Note - All of us are aware of families whose legacy becomes addiction, adultery, violence, etc.

- Lot's wife is the proverbial string around the finger of every believer not to look back to an old life of sin.

Philippians 3:13, Brothers and sisters, I can't consider myself a winner yet. This is what I do: I don't look back, I lengthen my stride, and 14 I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God's heavenly call offers in Christ Jesus.

Example - Local Bible teacher backslidden, divorced, gambling his life away