

## **“The Sin of Sodom and the Hope of the Gospel”**

**Genesis 18:1–19:38**

**July 9, 2023**

“Stupid. Pointless. Menacing. That’s what I thought of Christians and their god Jesus.” (Rosaria Butterfield)

### **Genesis 18:1–15**

“By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.” (Hebrews 11:11)

### **Genesis 18:16–33**

“The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.” (Genesis 4:10)

“As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.” (Ezekiel 33:11)

“Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:4)

### **Genesis 19:1–3**

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” (Hebrews 13:2)

“I couldn’t come to church—it would have been too threatening, too weird, too much. So, Ken was willing to bring the church to me.” (Rosaria Butterfield)

### **Genesis 19:4–11**

“Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.” (Ezekiel 16:49–50)

“Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.” (Jude 7)

“For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.” (Romans 1:26–27)

### **Genesis 19:12–22**

### **Genesis 19:23–29**

“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” (Acts 2:40)

“Just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife.” (Luke 17:28–32)

## Genesis 19:30–38

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### Discuss

- In what ways does the question, “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” (Genesis 18:14), call you to greater faith?
- Are there ways that you are struggling (or have struggled in the past) to untangle yourself from the world?
- What would you say to a non-Christian friend who asked you to explain biblical teaching on sexuality?
- How does hospitality build the church (think of hospitality both to those inside and outside of the church)?

### Read

Luke 17:20–37; 2 Peter 2:4–10

### Pray

- That God will give you opportunities to show hospitality to those both inside and outside of the church.

### Bulletin

- Members’ Meeting (Copies of Budget and Officer Nominations Have Been Emailed to Members and are also Available for Pick up on Connect Desk): July 9 at 5:00pm
- Women’s Bible Study (Twelve Weeks): Starting July 12 at 10:00am
- Men’s Breakfast: August 5 at 8:00am