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## MONDAY

1. God promised Abraham a land and descendants, but Sarah, his wife, was barren. So, they both tried to "help" God, and Abraham fathered Ishmael with Hagar, Sarah's servant. This displeased the Lord, who did not appear to Abraham for thirteen years. God does not need the cooperation of our flesh; what He requires is that we walk in His presence (Genesis 16:1-2, 15-16; 17:1, 9-11).
2. Man was created to be fruitful and to subdue the Earth, subjecting it to God, and not to be barren. Similarly, the human heart was created to bear fruit: it is the place where the Lord makes the seed of His word fruitful. However, because of the sin that entered into man, humanity became barren to God. But Christ came to heal us from barrenness! Now, in Christ, we can bear fruit for God (Genesis 1:28; John 15:5; Matthew 13:19, 23).
3. The gospel of the kingdom needs to be preached to the whole inhabited Earth; then the end will come. God desires to use the church and call the workers of the last hour to accomplish His will: to make Christ the Head over all things. This responsibility rests upon us. Let us listen attentively to His word, receive it with faith, instill it in our hearts, and give freedom to the Spirit to work (Matthew 24:14; Ephesians 1:9-10).
4. "Do not depend on your skill, but depend on the power that is in the word [...] We should never murmur or complain about the challenges that appear along the way. If we maintain these principles in our life in the church, everything we put our hands to will have the Lord's blessing. This is the secret to a prosperous life" (Genesis 39:1-4, 20-22) (Daily Food, book 3, week 4, Monday, p. 58).

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## TUESDAY

1. For Abraham, everything God granted him had a purpose: to be used by God Himself to fulfill His will. Lot, however, had a different heart—he coveted riches, desired a prominent future, sought fame and power. In the end, they separated. But everything Lot possessed came from the blessing of being by Abraham's side. May our hearts be like Abraham's (Genesis 14:23-24; 13:8-9, 11).
2. Lot gradually drifted away until he settled in a city marked by sin. It all began when he separated from Abraham. This is a warning of love: no one suddenly falls to the side of evil. Never stray from Abraham! Even if, at some point in life, you feel insecure about material matters, in due time the Lord will clarify all things. Do not stray from the source of the word (Genesis 13:12-13).
3. By distancing himself from Abraham because of personal ambition, Lot likely sought social and political advancement—something he did indeed achieve, as the biblical account indicates that he was at the city gate, the place where the judges of that time sat. Later, however, none of this was worthwhile: everything ended in ruin (Genesis 19:1, 29).
4. “The work of God will not be accomplished by the human skill of David’s mighty men, but by their deep dependence on the Lord and His word. This was the distinguishing feature of Joseph’s life. Pharaoh ‘hired’ him precisely because he perceived in him someone who, in addition to good human skill, was also guided by the Spirit of God” (Genesis 41:16, 38-40) (Daily Food, book 3, week 4, Tuesday, p. 59).

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## WEDNESDAY

1. When the angels visited Lot, we see that his time with his uncle Abraham taught him about hospitality. However, separating from Abraham was so detrimental that it led him to live in a place of sinful practices: soon after, the men of the city wanted to take advantage of the visitors. Let us strive to remain with those who have the presence of the Lord! (Genesis 19:2-5; 2 Timothy 2:22).
2. Lot was a righteous man, but due to personal ambitions, he moved until he reached Sodom, an extremely sinful city. There he achieved what he desired: fame and social standing. Was it worth it? No! He tormented his own soul; the city ended in ruins, and his family met a tragic end. Let us remain close to the Word. Let us not exchange it for anything. This is the true blessing (2 Peter 2:6-7).
3. We need to preach the gospel. There is still hope, even for ungodly and immoral people. Sin blinds the eyes and hardens the heart, but the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. God is still looking for those who understand Him; He seeks those who have ears to hear and eyes to see (Romans 1:16-17; Psalm 14:2; John 12:40).
4. "How does God build the church? By the word that comes out of His mouth, which we receive every day, every week, and which has washed us when we undergo the ultra-refined immersion in it [...] This has removed from us all the elements that have nothing to do with Christ and has infused all the elements of Christ into us" (Ephesians 5:25-27) ( *Daily Food* , book 3, week 4, Wednesday, p. 63).

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## THURSDAY

1. Let us take care of our hearts; they need to be pure. We cannot allow personal interests or ambitions to contaminate them. We were created by God and are here to fulfill His will. We do not live to seek fame or position; we are servants of the Lord. Let us be faithful in what He has entrusted to us. With a right heart, we will understand what He tells us (Acts 20:24).
2. In our daily lives, if we don't take moments to seriously talk to people about the things of God, to impart life to them, situations may arise where we want to do so, but they won't believe us. Therefore, we need to bring life to people. There are serious things we need to convey: the things of God. Never let us miss the opportunity to preach the gospel (Genesis 19:14).
3. Lot and his family, even though instructed to leave the city about to be destroyed, still hesitated to act and needed to be "pressed" by the angels to flee. They were still attached to the city. In the end, the angels snatched them away like a brand plucked from the fire. Let us have compassion on those who are in doubt (2 Timothy 4:2; Genesis 19:15-16; Zechariah 3:2).
4. "What happens when we lose simplicity and purity is that we cease to be the dwelling place of God [...] God rests in the hearts of those who remain simple. Let us not be like the disciples who argued over who would be the greatest or the first among them" (2 Corinthians 11:3; Isaiah 66:2; Matthew 18:1, 3) (Daily Food, book 3, week 4, Thursday, p. 66).

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## FRIDAY

1. Abraham walked in the presence of God and trusted in what the Lord told him. Lot, on the other hand, was commanded to flee to the mountains, but because he did not walk with God, he did not trust the angels nor believe that the Lord would do what was best for him. Because he did not walk with God, he disobeyed and gave importance to his own opinion (Romans 4:3; Genesis 19:17-20).
2. Lot's wife had the opportunity to be saved from destruction, but she still loved what that place offered her. Her attachment to comfort and social standing prevented her from obeying. By valuing so much what she would miss in that life without God, she ended up with a tragic end. May we not long for what life without God provided us (Genesis 19:17, 24-26).
3. The gospel is what gives flavor to life. The Lord Jesus said that we are the salt of the Earth; by sharing the Word, we give meaning to the lives of many people. However, salt cannot lose its flavor: if that happens, it becomes useless. A Christian cannot lose their flavor. Lot's wife became like salt without value (Matthew 5:13; Genesis 19:26).
4. "We must receive the word we have heard without the slightest sign of doubt, just as the brothers and sisters of the church in Thessalonica did. The operation of the word occurs in the life of those who are simple in receiving it and believing in it! But beware of the tempter, for he always appears to interfere in the life of those who decide to act this way" (1 Thessalonians 2:13) (Daily Food, book 3, week 4, Friday, p. 68).

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## **SATURDAY**

1. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is not just an ancient narrative; God is warning us that the return of the Lord Jesus is near. God desires to save those who still live like the days of Lot. Let us not live in a state of numbness, as in the days of Noah—eating, drinking, and content with this life. The kingdom of heaven is at hand ( Luke 17:20-24, 26-30).
2. Why did God announce to Abraham the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? Because He wanted to save Lot. He needed the intercession of a righteous man, a prophet of God, someone who walked in His presence. If you walk in the presence of God and immerse yourself in His word every day, your intercession for people has power before God (Genesis 18:16-19, 22-23).
3. The result of Lot's choice to separate from Abraham initially appeared to be the achievement of his goals—social, political, and financial advancement—but the outcome was ruin. He lost his wife, and his daughters committed a great sin with him. Do not choose Lot's path. If we dedicate our lives to building the house of God, our lives will have real meaning (Genesis 19:1, 26, 29, 36).
4. “After the fall, upon hearing the voice of the Lord, man and woman hid themselves. Before there was pleasure and joy, but now there was fear. That is why they hid. Even so, the Lord insisted: “The Lord God called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ God loves the presence of man, that is why He asked Adam where he was [...] God is looking for you! Do not hide. God loves you and wants your presence (Genesis 3:8-9) (Daily Food, book 3, week 4, Saturday, p. 70).”

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## SUNDAY

1. Lot had great opportunities and wasted them. Seeing Abraham blessed, he could have asked God for a pure heart, abandoned his ambitions, and trusted in the Lord. He could have avoided the dispute between the shepherds and honored Abraham by allowing him to choose first. Even after being rescued from captivity and saved by the angels of destruction, he still did not turn back. Let us take advantage of the opportunities (Genesis 12:1, 4; Proverbs 4:23).
2. Ruth, a Moabite descendant of Lot, redeemed the honor of her ancestor through God's infinite mercy. She did for her mother-in-law, Naomi, what Lot should have done for his uncle, Abraham. Ruth did not want to leave Naomi; on the contrary, she followed her faithfully and adopted God's people as her own people and the Lord as her God (Ruth 1:16-17).
3. Lot should have shown Abraham the same attitude that Ruth had toward Naomi. He could have said that he didn't want to separate and be blessed. But it was Ruth who had that heart, and God honored her, making her the grandmother of King David and part of the genealogy of Christ. Let us be like Ruth and choose the path of blessing (Genesis 13:11; Ruth 1:16; Matthew 1:5-6).
4. "We must do the will of the one we serve. We cannot be protagonists, but let us follow the example left by Jesus. The church is a helper of Christ. If we are helpers of Christ, at every step we take we must seek fellowship with the Lord. It is a principle that, when we follow it, will bring us God's protection" (John 5:19, 30; 7:18; 1 Corinthians 11:3) (Daily Food, book 3, week 4, Sunday, p. 72).

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