

## **Genesis 19**

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**One of Robert Frost's most famous poems is The Road Not Taken.**

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could*

**The poem closes with these words**

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

**Jesus said in life there are two roads:**

- There's a **broad** road that many travel that leads to destruction
- There's a **narrow** road that only a few travel that leads to life.

**Genesis 12:4** - So Abram departed as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

**2 Peter 2:7-8** - God rescued Lot, a *righteous man* distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless (for that *righteous man*, living among them day after day, was tormented in his *righteous soul* by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)

**How is a person made right with God?**

**Hebrews 11:7** - Righteousness comes by faith.

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## **1. Lot tried to fit in when he should have stood out.**

**Genesis 13** - Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere... But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord.

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**2 Timothy 4:10** - Demas has forsaken me because he loved this present world.

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**Daniel 1:8** - Daniel made up his mind that he wouldn't defile himself with the royal food and wine.

**Daniel 6:10** - When Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

**Daniel 4:37** - "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride He's able to humble."

**Daniel 6:26** - Then King Darius wrote: "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom won't be destroyed, and His dominion will never end."

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## **2. Lot compromised his convictions instead of standing for what was right.**

**Jude 7** - Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.

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**Genesis 1:24** - Therefore a *man* shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his *wife*, and they shall be one flesh.

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*If you compromise the truth, what do you get? (A lie)*

*If you compromise what's right, what do you get? (Wrong)*

*If you compromise good, what do you get? (Evil)*

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## **3. Lot hesitated when he should have hurried.**

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**God allows u-turns!**