



Genesis | Week 5  
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**BIG IDEA | What we *MOVE* towards today will *MAKE* our tomorrow.**

**SIN PROGRESSION:**

**- *FLIRTATION***

**Genesis 13:12-13 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup> So Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom and settled among the cities of the plain. <sup>13</sup> But the people of this area were extremely wicked and constantly sinned against the Lord

**WHAT ARE YOU *FLIRTING* WITH THAT YOU NEED TO BE *FLEEING* FROM?**

**- *RATIONALIZATION***

**Genesis 14:11-12 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> The victorious invaders then plundered Sodom and Gomorrah and headed for home, taking with them all the spoils of war and the food supplies. <sup>12</sup> They also captured Lot—Abram's nephew who lived in Sodom—and carried off everything he owned.

**- *TRANSFORMATION***

**Genesis 19:1-8 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> That evening the two angels came to the entrance of the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting there, and when he saw them, he stood up to meet them. Then he welcomed them and bowed with his face to the ground. <sup>2</sup> “My lords,” he said, “come to my home to wash your feet, and be my guests for the night. You may then get up early in the morning and be on your way again.”

“Oh no,” they replied. “We’ll just spend the night out here in the city square.”

<sup>3</sup> But Lot insisted, so at last they went home with him. Lot prepared a feast for them, complete with fresh bread made without yeast, and they ate. <sup>4</sup> But before they retired for the night, all the men of Sodom, young and old, came from all over the city and surrounded the house. <sup>5</sup> They shouted to Lot, “Where are the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!”

<sup>6</sup> So Lot stepped outside to talk to them, shutting the door behind him. <sup>7</sup> “Please, my brothers,” he begged, “don’t do such a wicked thing. <sup>8</sup> Look, I have two virgin daughters. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do with them as you wish. But please, leave these men alone, for they are my guests and are under my protection.” Sin will always *take more* from you than you ever wanted to give it, *keep you longer* than you ever wanted to stay, and will *cost you more* than you ever wanted to pay.

## **- DESTRUCTION**

### **Genesis 19:30-38 (NLT)**

<sup>30</sup> Afterward Lot left Zoar because he was afraid of the people there, and he went to live in a cave in the mountains with his two daughters. <sup>31</sup> One day the older daughter said to her sister, “There are no men left anywhere in this entire area, so we can’t get married like everyone else. And our father will soon be too old to have

children. <sup>32</sup> Come, let's get him drunk with wine, and then we will have sex with him. That way we will preserve our family line through our father."

<sup>33</sup> So that night they got him drunk with wine, and the older daughter went in and had intercourse with her father. He was unaware of her lying down or getting up again.

<sup>34</sup> The next morning the older daughter said to her younger sister, "I had sex with our father last night. Let's get him drunk with wine again tonight, and you go in and have sex with him. That way we will preserve our family line through our father." <sup>35</sup> So that night they got him drunk with wine again, and the younger daughter went in and had intercourse with him. As before, he was unaware of her lying down or getting up again.

<sup>36</sup> As a result, both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their own father. <sup>37</sup> When the older daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Moab. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Moabites. <sup>38</sup> When the younger daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Ben-ammi. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Ammonites.

## **How do we break out of this cycle that is going to kill us?**

**- Confess to God and others.**

### **1 John 1:9 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### **James 5:16 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

**THE CONSEQUENCES OF CONCEALMENT WILL ALWAYS BE GREATER THAN THE CONSEQUENCES OF CONFESSION.**

- Come close to the Lord, *not* the line.