

# FAITHFUL ONE

THE PROMISE AND THE PAIN

## Part 5: *Unwelcome*

### APPETIZER: Online Opportunity for Discipleship

*Resources for digging deeper...*

BRUXY.COM → Blog

- Radical Christians & the Word of God (series)
- Together for the Gospel
- Understanding Atonement

THEMEETINGHOUSE.COM → Teaching → Resources

- Authority of God in Print
- Same Sex Marriage: A “Third Way” Approach
- Gay Friendly Statement

### DINE IN: Sex in the Cities

Genesis 19

Q: WHY DID GOD SAVE LOT'S FAMILY?

A: God saved Lot, less because of his righteousness, and more because of God's mercy and Abraham's prayer. (**Genesis 19:29**)

THE BIRTH OF NATIONS...

Moab → Moabites  
Ben-Ammi → Ammonites

**Deuteronomy 2:9, 19; Matthew 1:5**

Q: WAS WHAT SODOM'S SIN?

**Ezekiel 16:49-50; Matthew 10:9-15; Jude 1:7**

1. Arrogance – about their own importance and privilege
2. Apathy – toward others who were not them
3. Entitlement – to every other sin.

### TAKE OUT: Leaving Sodom – Three Questions...

1. What “group think” have you allowed to shape you?
2. Are you willing to stand up for what is right – and pay the price?
3. Are you willing to leave the “city” if it cannot be changed?

**Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.  
~ Jesus (Luke 17:32-33)**

**NEXT WEEK: Home Brewed with Darrell Winger!**

---

## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Talk about what you remember being most interesting, encouraging, or perplexing in Sunday's message.
2. Have you taken time to read any of the recent bruxy.com blog posts? If so, any thoughts?

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Genesis 19**. Remember to use these questions more like a menu to choose from than a list to be fully completed.
  - a. Is there anything in the text that catches your attention?
  - b. Lot was insistent that the two visitors come in off the streets and stay at his house because they were in danger. What are some ways you have/or can act today when you see someone in need of safety and protection? (e.g. refugees, women fleeing domestic violence, children who need foster care)
  - c. In the passage, God rescues "the righteous" from the city. Consider that out of the four righteous rescued: Lot offers his daughters up to be raped. His wife wishes to return to the city and is destroyed. And Lot's two daughters rape their father in order to continue the family line. What does this tell us about the mercy of God?
  - d. Read **Luke 17:22-37**. What is Jesus reminding his disciples of when he says "Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it."? Talk about what this looks like in your life and the life of our church?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. The angels had to grab Lot and his family and drag them out of Sodom. What kinds of things do you think made it difficult for Lot and family to leave? Are there areas in your life where you need to "flee for your life" but are delaying?

*July 15/July 22, 2018 // @bruxy*