

Remember Lot's Wife

Luke 17:32

Since I was a little girl, journalling has been one of my favorite pastimes. Writing my thoughts and experiences on paper has always helped me come to terms with who I am, where I've been, and where I'm going. Since hindsight is typically "20/20", it's by critically examining the details of my past that I can see the many ways God preserved my life over the years, even when I didn't know it was Him. Whether it was snatching me out of bad relationships, protecting me from violence, or whispering a word of caution before I made a big mistake, Christ wouldn't allow my own ignorance and deception to abort my destiny- and for this I am eternally grateful.

In the midst of sin and temptation, God always gives us a "way of escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13), but it's up to us to take it. In today's text, Luke urges us to remember Lot's wife- a woman who, after being rescued by angels from complete annihilation, decided to turn back and consequently died because of it (Genesis 19). Lot's wife was so used to her former way of life that she couldn't accept the new life God passionately wrestled to give her. She thought that one quick peak into her past wouldn't do any harm, having little idea that it would actually be her last.

The time has come for each of us to decide who and what we love the most- God (Life) or Satan (Death). There's no in between. While Satan is constantly laboring to make his side look much more appealing, the truth is that "Abundant Life" can still only be attained through Jesus Christ. While choosing God may mean giving up a relationship, mentality,



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or lifestyle to which you have grown accustomed, His aim is not to restrict you but to save you- even from yourself. The next time you find yourself at a crossroads, torn between moving forward or turning back, I urge you to reread Genesis 19 and "remember Lot's wife."•

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