When God Says Go

Greg Kline · Genesis 18:22–19:26

INTRODUCTION

- This morning I want to study a story about when God says, Go. What is our reaction to be?
- But he lingered. Lot hesitated. Why do we hesitate to obey God?
- Lot hesitated. Lot's wife looked back. And these were supposed to be those who were spared by God from the judgment of the unrighteous.

1 When God Says Go, the Answer Is to Go

Luke 9:57–62; 1 Thessalonians 5:2

- No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.
- The operative word in Luke chapter 9 is first.
- The time to serve God is now. And that means sacrifice.
- When God says go, we need to learn to go, and it starts now.
- 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 makes clear the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. Jesus demands our sacrifice today.
- We have to go all in with Jesus, who gave all of himself to die on the cross for our sins.

2 We Need to Be Pressing Forward

Luke 17:31–32; Philippians 3:12–14

- In Luke chapter 17 and verse 31 and 32, Jesus simply says, remember Lot's wife.
- Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- God paid the price for our sin, so we are not in bondage to it anymore.
- It's just as important to stop sinning, to put off sin, to recognize the forgiveness that Christ offers as it is to press forward, to press on towards God.
- How do we press on towards God? How do we not stay in a state of malaise? How do we not backslide? Read the words of life.
- You cannot know God if you do not listen to God.

3 Choose the World, and Our Fate Is Sealed

1 John 2:15–17

- God certainly desires our salvation. But if we choose the world over him, like Lot's wife, our fate is sealed with the world who likewise rejects him too.
- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- If you're loving the things of the world, you don't love God.

- The world is passing away along with its desires. But whoever does the will of God abides forever.
- Too often we repay him by acting a lot like the world and a little bit like God. The problem is there is only one way to go. Immediately and forward.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Lot lingered, but he had time. God was merciful. We have time this moment, and that's all we're promised. Choose to press forward now.**

MY NOTES