

## **Don't Look Back! Genesis 19:15-26**

As we set our hopes on eternity and living a new, restored life in Christ, are you mindful of those desires tempting you to look back and return to your old ways? In the book of Genesis, we read about a woman who lost everything and missed out on her future due to her disobedience to God. What is God telling you to escape from? What will it cost you if you stayed? Let's pray for discernment and obedience as we prepare for the return of Jesus Christ and God's judgement upon this world.

"It will be like that on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, a man on the housetop, whose belongings are in the house, must not come down to get them. Likewise, the man who is in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife!" - Luke 17:30-32

*The Consequences of Looking Back:*

- **Freezes Us in Our Frailties**

- **Failure of Our Faith**

- **Forfeits Our Future**

### **Application**

- ✓ Identify/write down those ungodly entertainments, environments, and lifestyle habits that you long for. What keeps you returning to those spaces that God has delivered you from?
- ✓ Ask God to give you wisdom to see and understand the lure of the flesh and the blessing of embracing His will for your life.

**Meditate on the following verses:** Jeremiah 7:24; Matthew 10:39; Luke 9:62; 17:33; 2 Peter 2:6-9

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 3:13-14