

# Victory Hour

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## Don't Look Back



### Lot's Wife

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If asked the question, "What would you do if you were in a burning house?" Most people would reply, "Get out as fast as I can." Most of us would like to think, should we ever experience such an unfortunate tragedy, that we would make the wise, cautious and expedient decision, to drop everything and run. But can we really say this is what we would do? How many of us continue to hold on to things that God has instructed us to release? This lesson tells a story of a woman, who found it necessary to flee, but instead of moving resolutely forward, turned and looked back. In this, she reminds us of a woman who, after leaving her burning house, rushes back for treasured material possessions and is burned with the possessions.

- 1) **Lot & Abraham – Gen. 12:1-5; 13:5-13**
  - a. Lot accompanies Abram
  - b. The acquisition of great wealth
  - c. Lot and Abram part
  - d. Lot is taken captive
  - e. Abram rescues Lot
- 2) **A Special Visit – Gen. 19:1-3**
  - a. Greetings at the city gate
  - b. Lot's hospitality
- 3) **Lot and the Sodomites – Gen. 19:4-11**
  - a. Their confrontation
  - b. Lot offers his daughters
- 4) **The Expressed Warning – Gen. 19:12-15**
  - a. The angels warn Lot
  - b. Lot warns his daughters' fiancés
- 5) **The Destruction Events – Gen. 19:15-29**
  - a. The firm command
  - b. The firm hand
  - c. The final warning
    - i. "Flee for your life"
    - ii. "Don't look back"
    - iii. "Don't stop anywhere in the plain"
    - iv. "Flee to the mountains"
  - d. The consequences for disobedience
    - i. "or you will be swept away"
  - e. Lot's compromise
    - i. Zoar
  - f. Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed
    - i. God's wrath falls upon the cities



**6) The Fatal Look**

- a. Lot's wife looks back and becomes a pillar of salt

**7) What did Lot's wife see when she looked back?**

- a. Wealth
- b. Waywardness
- c. Wickedness

**8) What caused Lot's wife to look back?**

- a. Astonishment
- b. Attraction
- c. Attachment
- d. Affection

**9) It's dangerous and sometimes deadly to look back**

- a. The Problem / Consequences
  - i. Prevents you from living in the moment
  - ii. Paralyzes you
  - iii. Blinds you from seeing God's blessings

**10) Questions to ponder**

- a. Do you spend a lot of time looking back?
- b. What does leaving the past behind mean for you?
  - i. Regretful decisions
  - ii. Mourning lost opportunities
  - iii. Ongoing yearning for ended relationships
- c. How does your looking back affect your life in the present / future?
- d. Are you free and flexible to respond quickly to God's directions

**11) God's mercy is available – Gen. 19:16,21,29**

- a. God provided
  - i. A place in the midst of destruction
  - ii. Protection in the midst of desolation