

It Starts with a Choice

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Finally Abram said to Lot, "Let's not allow this conflict to come between us or our herdsmen. After all, we are close relatives! The whole countryside is open to you. Take your choice of any section of the land you want." . . . So Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom and settled among the cities of the plain.—Genesis 13:8-9, 12

Often I find that people who are the most drawn to the world are those who were raised in the church. On the other hand, when you've lived in the world and have seen the underbelly of it, you can become pretty disgusted by it.

When I came to Christ, it was, to some degree, a process of elimination. I knew where the answer was not. I saw everything the world had to offer and then some through my mother's life and, to some degree, through my own dumb decisions. I wasn't drawn to those things.

Abraham's nephew Lot was drawn to the things of the world like a moth is drawn to a light. Lot is identified in the New Testament as a believer, but the problem was that he leaned on Abraham. Abraham walked with God, but Lot walked with Abraham. Lot needed this man of God to keep him moving forward. He hadn't developed his own close relationship with the Lord.

Abraham, however, was drawn to God. It was Abraham's love for the Lord that kept everything in perspective. Abraham had his focus on eternal things.

Lot made the wrong choices, and a series of steps led to his ending up in the wrong place. Falling into sin is a lot like gaining weight. You try, but then you cheat. So you rationalize, "I've already messed up, so I might as well just keep messing up. I'm already off my diet."

That's how sin works. You think, "I know I shouldn't do this, but I'll do it just once." Then you say, "Well, I already did that, so I'll do this other thing." A series of small choices leads to bigger and worse choices. That's how it is with sin. Little things always turn into big things.

News and Notes

- Amy would like your help putting together a care package to send to Megan Rudy at school. If you would like to add something, such as snacks, body wash, lotion, etc., please bring your items to the building by November 4.
- The monthly soup kitchen is this Friday, October 26 at 5:30. There are many volunteer opportunities available.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Janie Bechtold	10/09	Chris Stillahn	10/12
Lupita Bechtold	10/24	Megan Rudy	10/25

If your birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

10/21/2018

Opening Prayer: Tim
 Song Leader: Shane
 Scripture Reader: Gary
 Closing Prayer: Tom
 Devotion: Shane

Announcements: Tom

Table: West Gary
 Center Jay
 East Dan
 Preacher: Chris
 Song Leader: Jay

10/28/2018

Opening Prayer: Jonathan
 Song Leader: Tom
 Scripture Reader: Shane
 Closing Prayer: Jeremy
 Devotion: Tom

Announcements: Chris

Table: West Chris
 Center Shane
 East Tim
 Preacher: Gary
 Song Leader: Chris