

# LIKE SALT IN THE WATER



## INTRODUCTION

Jesus, as God, can bring hope to any situation; even Lot's and even yours.

## DISCUSSION

Is there any situation in your life that you were sure was beyond redemption and yet Jesus brought hope and healing to it?

What?

## EXPLANATION

How do you think something as heinous as Lot's sin can get redeemed?

Are there certain things in our culture that add to a lessened view of the opposite sex?

What?

How have some of these messages affected you?

## APPLICATION

Read Romans 9:9-26.

What are the hazards of trying to become righteous based on our own merits?

How is the most righteous person you know still not righteous without the redemptive work of Jesus?

How is God's righteousness shown by Him being the justifier?

## MISSION

Are there any people around you that could benefit from the message "Salt in the Water"?

How could you explain it in an understandable way (ie: not using the words "Salt in the Water")?

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Family & Group Discussion



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## Genesis 19:30-38

Luke 17:32

Ephesians 6:4

2 Kings 2:19-22

Joshua 6:26

1 Kings 16:34

Deuteronomy 28:1,  
15-18, 20, 25, 28

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

Judges 9:45

Jeremiah 48:9

Matthew 5:13

Mark 9:50

Job 6:6

Colossians 4:6

Numbers 18:19

Leviticus 2:13

Romans 8:28

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Notes & Scripture



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## Luke 17:32 “Remember Lot’s wife.”

The end of Genesis 19 is, in many ways, more heart-wrenching than the beginning of chapter 19. Lot’s sin with his daughters is raw and brutal. Lot originally lived in a sinful place (Sodom), not to be a witness, but because he thought it would be lucrative. Now, he moves into a cave because he is living his life in fear.

In Lot’s day, dads would pick the men for their daughters to marry. That was Lot’s job, to find good husbands. Lot did not put his daughters in a place where there were decent men to marry. He didn’t take them to a place where people worship God. When they reach marrying age, they have a desire, but all the men are gone and it turns into sin.

The girls are not victims; they do make their own decisions, but Lot is held majorly responsible for this (his name is mentioned and theirs are not in the text). He needed to create a world they could be raised in, where they would be safe and see truth. This is important to God, as parents your kids will live in the world you make.

Men, if you don’t get your head straight about the sanctity of women it will corrupt your relating to the opposite sex, corrupt your raising of children, and corrupt your children’s self image. For Lot, this leads to incest and children being born where Lot is not only Dad, but also Grandpa.

When you get to the New Testament, Lot becomes referenced as a righteous man. How does that happen? What takes place in Lot’s life that can dramatically change a person from sinful, wicked, and lost to saved, righteous, and redeemed?

In 2 Kings 2:19-22 there is a story where Elisha steps into a place that was cursed and brings about something new.

*2 Kings 2:19-22* 19 Now the men of the city (Jericho) said to Elisha, “Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful.” 20 He said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, “Thus says the Lord, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.” 22 So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

Elisha comes in and he is told “*The water is bad and the land is unfruitful*” which takes you back to curses that were spoken in Joshua 6 (which references back to Deuteronomy). Elisha says “*Bring me a new bowl.*” The word for NEW is the Hebrew word *Chadash* (Hadash) and it has lots of meanings.

- *Chadash* means renewed (you see it reference a renewed spirit, kingdom, life)
- *Chadash* means rebuild (city, kingdom)
- *Chadash* means to repair (new songs, new covenants, and new mercies)

The point is that this isn’t a NEW BOWL that a potter just made, it is a HADASH bowl.

Elisha then says, “*...and put salt in it.*” Salt is found all through the scriptures and could be a sign of Judgment (as in Judges 9:45, Jeremiah 48:9)...But it also had positive connotations (Matt 5:13, Mark 9:50, Job 6:6, Col 4:6, Numbers 18:19). In Leviticus 2 salt was part of Israel’s ritual sacrificial system.

*Lev 2:13* You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

Salt becomes connected with covenant; what was the covenant? No matter where you find yourself, no matter how bad it gets, no matter how hard your heart is, you can always return to God. No matter how seriously you have lost your way, or other gods you have worshipped, you can return and God will restore you.

In regard to sin, you must understand two things:

- History does not decide, it only describes.
- Curses are made to be broken.

You may think the situation is hopeless, but God’s new words can be spoken.

Jesus, as God, can bring hope to any situation; even Lot’s and even yours.

Everything in scripture is about Jesus. If you come from an awful family, made awful decisions, there is hope.

Women’s Morning Bible Study

Tuesday 9:30am  
<http://goo.gl/gX0xK>

