

MY JOURNEY WITH JESUS

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

WOMEN OF WISDOM Edition

DAY FIVE

LOT'S WIFE

*The Look
Heaven Hates*

Luke 17:32

"Remember Lot's wife!"

Philippians 3:13b

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and

straining toward what is ahead,

Mrs Lot

Unforgettable for the

one look that turned

her into a pillar

of salt.

But why such a

seemingly harsh

judgement?

What's so bad about

a look?

Surely millions have

done worse over

the centuries."

She Clung to

A Past,

It Claimed Her

Future.

To a woman,

a home is

everything.

A place of safety,

nurturing and

caring.

The expressions

of her creativity

and dreams, all are

represented there.

Although a

learn't skill,

women tend to be

natural home

makers.

The color

combinations,

the style, the decor,

the collector's

items that carry

much sentimental

and monetary

value.

Time and talents

get spent in

ensuring that the

house is warm

and livable.

That space

represented much

of her accumulated

wealth and

wisdom.

Proverbs 24:3-4

"By wisdom

a house is built,

and through

understanding

it is established;

through knowledge

its rooms are filled

with Rare

And Beautiful

Treasures."

Lot's wife no doubt

had much vested

on that piece of real

estate that was

now left behind.

Lot was wealthy.

That was the

reason they parted

ways with uncle

Abe. The blessing

upon Abraham

was evident

upon them.

Needless to say

that their home

and it's furnishings

must have been

classy.

All that was now

left behind, never

to be seen again.

The evacuation

had been quick.

A Look That Cost

A Life.

Nothing could be

salvaged in Sodom.

Not even the view.

Everything was

doomed for

destruction.

The Great Judge

had decided.

It wasn't only their

sin that was

grievous.

Their attitude

pulled immediate

wrath.

Within 24 hours

the place was to be

reduced to ashes.

1 Timothy 5:24

"The sins of some are

obvious,

reaching the place

of judgment ahead

of them; the sins of

others trail behind

them."

Mrs Lot's city

From childhood

we heard the story

of Sodom and

Gomorrah.

The detestable

thing they did

to the angels who

had come on a fact

finding mission.

But it turns out that

was not the first,

but actually the last

thing that sealed

the fate of those

cities.

Their list of

offences before

GOD

is outlined in;

Ezekiel 16:49-50

"Sodom's sins were

pride, gluttony, and

laziness, while the

poor and needy

suffered outside her

door. She was proud

and committed

detestable sins, so I

wiped her out, as you

have seen."

The Power

of One Look

I'm pretty sure

that she

thought to herself,

one last look won't

hurt, and her life

was lost!

Just as one look

was all it took to

make Mrs Lot a

pillar of salt - there

is yet another look

in scriptures that

neutralized the

venom of snakes

and caused the

bitten to live again.

Snake poison was

neutralized

Numbers 21:9

"So Moses made

a bronze snake and

put it up on a pole.

Then when anyone

was bitten by a

snake and looked

at the bronze

snake, they lived."

It's the attitude

in the look that

matters.

Is it in faith

expecting to

receive from GOD

or a look contrary

to the command

of life?

Those who look

to him are radiant.

Never covered

with shame.

Psalms 34:5

"Those who look

to him are radiant;

their faces are never

covered with shame."

Forget What Is

Behind.

Her life

was tied to that

space and all it

represented.

She was attached

to her life and

comfort.

The memories

created over the

good times.

But The LORD

tells us why she

lost the very thing

including her life.

Luke 17:33

"Whoever tries to

keep their life will

lose it, and whoever

loses their life will

preserve it."

She was being

offered a new life,

a new beginning

that didn't look

attractive because

it was unseen.

"What is seen is

temporal."

2 Corinthians 4:18

"So we

Fix Our Eyes

Not On What is

Seen,

but on what is

unseen, since what is

seen is temporary,

but what is unseen

is eternal."

It may have been

a look on earth.

But in heaven it

counted as lust.

It counted as

rebellion.

1 John 2:16

For everything in the

world—the lust of

the flesh, the

lust of the eyes

, and the pride of

life—comes not from

the Father but from

the world.

Where You Look

Matters.

Proverbs 4:25

"Let your eyes look

straight ahead;

fix your gaze directly

before you."

She is a

Reminder of the

Great Cut-off Date

Luke 17:29-30

"But the day Lot

left Sodom,

fire and sulfur rained

down from heaven

and destroyed

them all.

"It will be just like

this on the day the

Son of Man is

revealed."

She Mistook

Mercy For

Permissiveness.

Angels carry out

instructions.

Precision is key.

They don't

negotiate, they

have to report

before the

almighty.

Lot's wife had

experienced Mercy.

There was a clock

ticking against the

city. Her family

dillydallied

It was no

permission to

look back.

Genesis 19:15-16

"With the coming

of dawn, the angels

urged Lot, saying,

" Hurry! Take your

wife and your two

daughters who are

here, or you will be

swept away when the

city is punished."

When he hesitated,

the men grasped his

hand and the hands