

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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In the face of imminent danger, it is crucial to run with unwavering determination and cast aside the temptation to glance back. Salvation lies in escaping the clutches of peril.

The cautionary tale of Lot's wife serves as poignant reminder. Her transformation into a pillar of salt underscores the consequences of clinging to the sinful allure of Sodom, the sin city (Gen. 19). Her unwillingness to sever ties with a city steeped in transgressions led to her tragic fate. This emphasizes the importance of relinquishing attachments that jeopardize our spiritual journey.

Establishing a clear moral compass is imperative, as delineated by biblical principles:

1. Marriage between a believer and unbeliever is forbidden (2 Cor. 6:14-17)

"Do not try to work together as equals with unbelievers, for it cannot be done. How can right and wrong be partners? How can light and darkness live together? How can Christ and the Devil agree?" Thus, we must refrain from a union between believer and unbeliever as this emphasizes the inherent disparities in values. The impossibility of harmonizing light with darkness or Christ with the Devil underscores potential conflicts, especially in crucial aspects like child-rearing.

2. Separate from all unrighteousness (2 Cor. 6:14)

2.1 We must refrain from mingling with unbelievers to safeguard our pursuit of holiness. This separation is essential to uphold righteousness in the eyes of God, and prevent external influences that may distract us from the path of moral integrity.

2.2 Avoid business partners who are not God-fearing so as not to be influenced by their illegal, scandalous, and wicked practices.

3. Separate from all works of darkness.

3.1 As true followers of Christ, we must always be ready to fight against forces of darkness. Let the light of Jesus shine upon us and let it be seen by others who are in darkness.

3.2 Avoid friends who tell dirty jokes; stay away from gossip mongers. We should run from these temptations because these are coming from our adversary and not from God (James 1:13).

4. Separate from all forms of sin and immorality

"Be holy because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; thus, we should abstain from any kind of sin and sexual immorality. We must adhere to a standard of purity reflective of our divine nature.

Conclusion:

If we hear the voice of God telling us to run for our life, we must "harden not our heart" (Heb. 3:15 and Ps. 95:8) and we must move quickly. We must not hesitate to run if we are told by our Lord to show obedience and reverence to Him. The call to "run for your life" in response to God's voice encompasses immediate obedience, asking for forgiveness, distancing oneself from negative influences and refocusing on the word of God.

Reflection:

1. How does the idea of running for your life align with your understanding of faith, trust and reliance on God's guidance?
2. Reflect on the significance of refocusing your attention on the word of God as a response to temptations and negative influences. How can regular engagement with the Scripture strengthen your spiritual foundation?

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