



Lesson #1: Case Studies in Failure

Genesis 9:18-23, 19:1-29; 1 Chronicles 13:7-10

- I. Noah: Even though Noah was known as a man who walked righteously with God, he learned that past spiritual victories did not guarantee future spiritual success.**
 - A. In the midst of a culture of great wickedness, Noah was different because he walked with God – Gen. 6:5-12.
 - B. Because of Noah's righteousness, God spared both his life and his family's lives by providing an ark through the flood – Gen. 6:11-14, 7:1.
 - C. After exiting the ark, Noah proceeded to drink from his own vineyard to the point that he became drunk, undressed, and passed out – Gen. 9:18-23.

- II. Lot's Wife: Even though Lot's wife had been offered a path to be saved from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, her affections for her previous lifestyle led to her own death.**
 - A. When the men of Sodom came to Lot's house seeking immoral relations with the two visiting angels, Lot offered up his daughters in place of the angels – Gen. 19:4-8.
 - B. As the Lord was preparing to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness, He offered a path of salvation for Lot and his family to escape – Gen. 19:12-13, 17.
 - C. As God had promised, He provided Lot and his family a path for salvation from His coming judgment but Lot's wife disobeyed and was struck down – Gen. 19:23-26.

- III. Uzzah: Even though Uzzah had been entrusted in guiding the cart with the Ark of the Covenant, his well-intentioned actions led him into direct disobedience.**
 - A. After its capture by the Philistines at Aphek, the Ark of the Covenant had been separated from Israel's worship for 100 long years.
 - B. God had given Israel specific instructions that the Ark was to be transported by poles for carrying and was not to be touched – Exo. 25:13-14; Num. 4:15.
 - C. While David clearly sinned by transporting the Ark on a cart, God dealt swiftly and severely with Uzzah's sin in touching the Ark to steady it – 1 Chron. 13:7-10.

For Next Week:

#2: Failing to Break the Family Cycle – Exodus 2:1-15, 32:1-24