

# Evangelism Starts at Home

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**Gen 18:19** *"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."* NKJV

# Children's Willful Ignorance of God

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- **Judges 2:7** *"So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel."*
- **Judges 2:10-12** *"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, ..."*

# What Did Joshua Do Right?

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- **Joshua 24:14-15** *"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

# What Are Parents To Do?

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- **Gen 18:19** "*For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, ...*"
- **Deut 6:6-7** "*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”*
- **Eph 6:4** "*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*"

# What One Family Could Have Done?

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- **Gen 18:24** "*Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?*"
- 45? ~ 40? ~ 30? ~ 20? ~ 10?
- **Gen 18:32** "... *"I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."*"

# How Many in Lot's House?

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□ We know his household was large with servants, because he had to separate from Abraham's household due to the size of each.

□ Gen 19:12-14 – How many family members did he have?

■ Lot ~	1
■ Lot's Wife ~	1
■ Lot's Virgin daughters ~	2
■ Sons-in-law ~	2
■ Married daughters ~	2
■ <u>Sons ~</u>	<u>2</u>

It's possible there were at least 10 family members in Lot's house

□ A large household of a righteous man only had three faithful to God. Lot's family alone might have saved Sodom & Gomorrah

# What One Family Did!

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- **Esther 2:7** *"And Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter."*
- **Esther 4:16** *"Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"*