

Consecration 2014



A COSTLY LOOK BACK

We are three weeks into our Consecration, and I know that I have people that are reading this sheet who are not really concerned about the meat of the matter. They just want to know what we are dropping off for the week. So for all of you guys, here it is up front: we will take away all dairy products to include all milk, cheese, yogurt, and butter. So now that we have gotten that out of the way, we will move on to what really matters, and that is change.

I began these sheets by saying that Jesus declared that we are the salt of the earth. We have written about some of the history, uses, and values of salt in different cultures before our time. Most of you know that I have been teaching about the scripture which said, “Remember Lot’s Wife.” There is not much to remember because there are only 3 scriptures that mention her. One of the last ones mentions that she was turned into a pillar of salt. I believe that Jesus wanted us to ask the question, Why? Why was Lot’s wife turned into a pillar of salt? Why did God choose to end her life in that fashion? Why salt and why not ashes? Why not just have her drop dead?

One of the common uses of salt in ancient times was to spread it out upon the land. It would make that ground infertile from that point on. If they put enough salt on that ground, it would not produce at all. Although salt is good at influencing meat and other foods that we consume, and was even good for sacrificing because God commanded, in Leviticus, that no sacrifice was to be made without salt, it could also be destructive and life-threatening.



It’s like she was sacrificed like when God accepted the spoils of Jericho as being a sacrifice to Him. Lot’s wife was not an example of what to be, but of what NOT to be. In turning her into a pillar of salt, she would speak to all generations after her. At some point and time on their journey, Lot had to realize that she was no longer going on with him. Both he and anyone connected to him had received a command to not look back.

In my mind, I asked the question: why did she look back? Why did

she disobey the command? It seemed like somewhere in the transit that she had put herself into a position where she could easily look back and not be noticed by others. In other words, no one would ever know that she disobeyed if she looked back from behind them. God wanted us to know otherwise and Jesus reminded us of the cost of looking back by telling us to “Remember Lot’s Wife” (*Luke 17:32*). I see this repeatedly happening in people who are Christians today. People will put themselves in a position where they look back, *with longing*, on things that they left behind and no one would ever know it. I think that part of the lesson that Jesus wants us to remember concerning Lot’s wife is that we must never allow our desires to be focused on the things of yesterday. Yesterday may have been wonderful, but it is what’s taking place today that God wants us to focus on. Where is God trying to take you today?

One good reason to not look back: You needed deliverance from whatever it was that was back there.

I need you to continue to be praying for the salvation of your loved ones and for the salvation of souls. Prayer will be on Monday evening at seven o’clock and on Friday at evening seven-thirty. Also, be praying for the Sweetheart Retreat, Singles’ Summit and our Men’s ministry, in addition to the personal visions that you have before the Lord.



Corporate Prayer Objectives

Please Be Mindful Of Our Need To Be Diligent in Prayer. Pray for:

Salvation of Souls	The Church	Enlargement of Our Borders
Greater Influence	Getting Rid of Spiritual Clutter	Greater Impact on our community
Success of Retreats	Opening of Doors of Employment	Making Us The Salt of The Earth