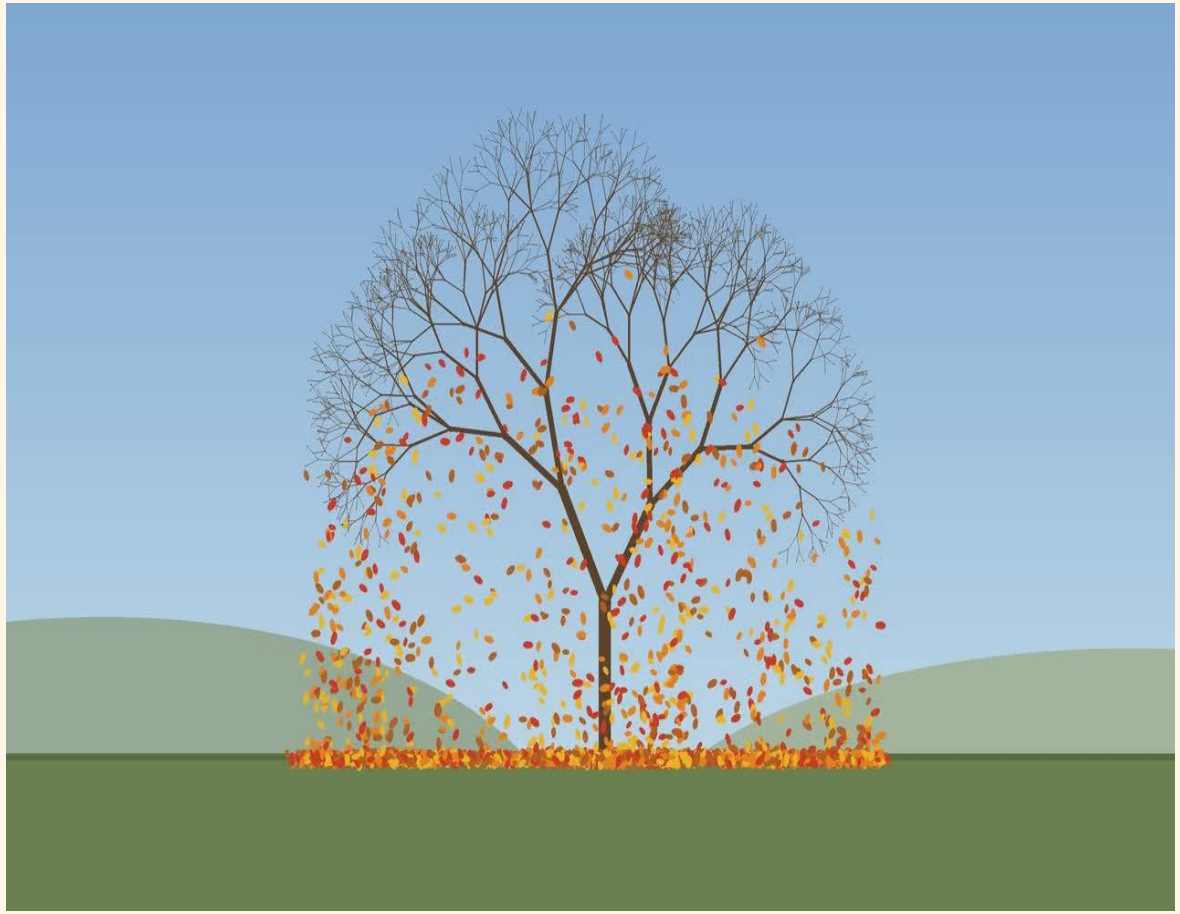
Genesis 19:15-17

15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

Seasonal Adjustments

Genesis 19:15-17





- One of the primary functions of the leaves is to perform photosynthesis. In this case, they capture sunlight, and the plant turns that energy into sugar that feeds the tree.
- As the seasons change, sunlight decreases, and the leaves become a burden because they require energy to survive. Using their remaining energy and give it back to the tree, shown by the color changing from green to another color.
- The tree, knowing that the leaves can no longer contribute to its growth or survival, let's go of the leaves in preparation for the winter.

Genesis 19:17 “…Escape for your life!..”

- Have you ever decided to leave a situation that saved your life?
- Do you remember Tim Hensel?



KC Chiefs Super Bowl parade rally, February 14, 2024.

- Hensel, his wife Tisha, and their two children were outside Union Station celebrating the Super Bowl win.
- Gunfire broke out — killing one person and injuring more than 20
- He and his wife, independently, felt an inner prompting that it was time to leave, *even though their favorite players were about to speak.*
- Later, looking at aerial photos, they saw blood on the ground in the exact spot where his family had been sitting.

- He credited "the promptings of the Holy Spirit"

Our text indicates that Lot was told by the Angels, “Escape for your life”

We live in a time of assailants creating life-threatening situations

- Life’s situations present opportunities to run away; have you taken them?
- "The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials" (2 Peter 2:9)



2) Don’t look back!

- At age 48, he became the oldest rookie in Major League Baseball
- Claimed at one point to have 2,000 wins, 250 shutouts, and 50 no-hitters
- It wasn’t uncommon for him to call in his outfielders to sit on the mound while he struck out the side
- **"if you're going to look back, they will catch you"**

- ***Who was he?***



- We cannot change the past, yet we should learn from it to move forward
- Thank God that you are not where you used to be
- Thank God for that situation, person, or past behavior that he allowed you to leave behind



3. Escape to the hills.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:1–2

Is God the true source of your strength and support?

Or do you go elsewhere first for support?

Are you willing to sacrifice the energy required to climb the hills and mountains in your life?

- If you stay in the valley that you just came out of, there is a high likelihood of falling back into despair

- Safety is found in high places, i.e., Lott's family



Which tree are you?



- Do you have work to do before your winter season?
- Negative influence: let go of it or flee?



- Are you looking back at something or someone you lost?
- Are you willing to sacrifice to see God's mountain?

Seasonal adjustments

- ***Someone here may be ready for a seasonal adjustment by putting on Christ as their Savior***
- ***Or maybe someone needs to request prayers for their escape and let something go***
- ***Or maybe someone needs prayers to stop looking back because it holds them back***
- ***Or maybe someone is still trying to climb and escape to God for safety***