“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. (Declaration of Independence)

* How many today have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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Culture Creep

“…occurs when the necessary underpinnings of a strong, sustainable culture are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or leadership behavior \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Brighton Research

Romans 12:2

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

* Abram and Lot were so prosperous they had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Lot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lush green valley of the Jordan river and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to move there
* He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his tents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the city of Sodom

Genesis 14:12

They also took Lot, Abram’s nephew, and his possessions and departed, for he was living in Sodom.

The “creep” can happen to anyone

* We see wickedness and think we can get close without it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us
* Then we think we can hang out with those practicing wickedness and it won’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us
* Then before we know it we become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it, and begin to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, and perhaps even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in it

We see it in Lot’s life

* Lot first moved his family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the city
* Then Lot moved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the city
* Then Lot became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the city through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* And Lot even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to men of the city

First – Beware of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of compromise

Second – Compromise leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Third – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can overcome our compromise

Genesis 19:16

“But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the Lord *was* upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.”