

Oh Lord, Let Me Always Be Grieved by Sodom

Genesis 19:1-11

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Introduction:

Today in our sermon series in Genesis, we have come to Genesis 19.

- You will remember how in Genesis 18, God had told Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom because of its great wickedness.
 - And how Abraham earnestly prayed for Sodom that God would not destroy it if there were enough righteous persons there.
 - He started with asking, “What if there are 50 righteous persons,” and then worked his way down to only ten...
 - The LORD made it clear that He would not destroy the righteous with the wicked.
 - Abraham was particularly concerned for his nephew Lot who lived in this wicked city.

Well, in Genesis 19 (which we come to today), we are given a full account of what the LORD did to Sodom—and of what He does with Lot.

- I had thought that I would cover this whole chapter today, but as I began to work through it,
 - I realised there is so much here that is useful for us, that I now think it would be well worth while to preach four sermons on this chapter.
 - I have decided to present the sermon titles for these four sermons in the form of prayers that arise in response to what is revealed to us in this passage.
- The titles will be as follows...
 - Oh Lord, Let Me Always Be Grieved by Sodom.
 - Oh Lord, Do not Let Me Form Improper Attachments to Sodom.
 - Oh Lord, Do not Let Me Forget Your Judgment against Sodom.
 - Oh Lord, Rescue Me from Sodom by Your Gracious Hand.

Today we are going to focus on verses 1-11 from whence our prayer title arises,

- Oh Lord, Let Me Always Be Grieved by Sodom.
 - We read in 2 Peter 2 the divine commentary that Lot’s righteous soul was tormented by the ungodly ways of Sodom...
 - And indeed, we should never grow used to Sodom so that its wickedness does not grieve us and made us both sorry and angry, but in a righteous way.
 - That is what we will look at today as we consider what Sodom is and why we should be grieved by it.
- Let us turn now to our scripture reading...Genesis 19:1-11:

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to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, ⁷ and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! ⁸ See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.” ⁹ And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay *here*, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. ¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck the men who *were* at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary *trying* to find the door.

May the LORD bless the reading of His Holy Word.

As you can see, there are good reasons for being grieved with Sodom.

- Anyone who knows the Lord should be grieved with this kind of conduct.
- Our Lord Jesus was grieved when He saw the wickedness of men, and if we are His followers, we ought to be grieved too...
 - Not in a self-righteous way, of course, but in a way that recognises that but for the grace of God, we would be on a trajectory to Sodom too...
 - And so would everyone else...

But before we look at the things that make Sodom so vile, let’s first take up a more general question...

I. What is Sodom?

A. Of course Sodom was an actual city.

1. It is one of five cities of the plain that are referred to in Genesis that had become notoriously wicked.
 - The other principal city among these five was Gomorrah, and then there were three other smaller cities, including Bela which is here called Zoar.
 - These cities enjoyed prosperity in the fertile plain that is almost surely now under the shallow southern basin of the Dead Sea.
 - These destroyed cities with their many artifacts have been found by archeologists.
 - According to Ezekiel 16:49, they had **pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness**, and so **did not strengthen the hand of the poor and needy**.

2. We have already been told in Genesis that these cities are where Lot had gone when it came about that there was not enough room for him and his uncle to continue to sojourn together because of all their possessions!
 - Lot had chosen this place because of its prosperity, despite the fact that it was a very wicked place,
 - and despite the fact that he would no longer be able to receive the far more excellent blessing of being with Abraham who was receiving oracles from the living God.
3. And further, we know (from this very chapter) that the Lord God destroyed these cities:
 - All except Bela or Zoar which He spared for Lot's sake.
 - He destroyed them with a very terrifying destruction because of their wickedness—
 - He rained fire and brimstone upon them from heaven (Gen 19:24)!
 - The archeologists have also found evidence of this.

TRANS> So Sodom is a real place, an actual city in history that was destroyed by God with fire and brimstone because of its wickedness.

- B. But in scripture, Sodom also becomes the symbol of cities that are wholly given over to sin and so fit to be destroyed.
- It is the name given to any city that is given up to wickedness and ruin—
1. For example, in Zephaniah, we see an example of two worldly nations to which the LORD says,
 - **Zep 2:9** “Therefore, as I live,” says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the people of Ammon like Gomorrah—overrun with weeds and saltpits, And a perpetual desolation.”
 - Moab and Ammon were the apostate nations that actually came from Lot, and they are compared to Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - So Gentile nations are compared to these wicked cities that were destroyed.
 2. And perhaps surprisingly, God refers to Israel and Judah as having become like Sodom and Gomorrah when they have been given over to wickedness!
 - Isaiah in Isaiah 1:9 says that God's people would have become utterly wiped out like Sodom if the LORD had not left them and remnant,
 - and in Isaiah 1:10, he addresses the rulers of Judah as “you rulers of Sodom,” and the people of Judah as “you people of Gomorrah.”
 - Likewise, in Jeremiah 23:14, the Lord says: **Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.**
 - This designation of His people in their wickedness as like Sodom and Gomorrah is repeated many times in scripture,
 - And at last we find it in Revelation where John speaks of Jerusalem, saying, **Re 11:8: And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

TRANS> So you see that Sodom had become a paradigm for any city that is given over to great wickedness and so is either destroyed or fit to be destroyed under God's hand of judgment.

C. It is therefore a place that our LORD warns us not to be like!

1. We are to despise what Sodom is and what it stands for.
 - We are to take warning from seeing the terrible end to which it was brought.
2. That is why it is very helpful for us to study about Sodom as God's people today.
 - We need to know about it because God has warned not to go there—not to become like Sodom—not to end up like them...
 - The last thing we should want is to be on the road that leads to Sodom...
 - To be headed in that direction.

TRANS> So in order to help us to hate and avoid Sodom as we should, the LORD has given us an account of the vileness of Sodom...

- So now let's look at that...

II. Let's look at the vileness of Sodom as it is revealed in our text Gen 19:1-11.

A. God reveals the vileness of Sodom to us through the investigation of two angels that He has sent for that purpose.

1. God told Abraham in Genesis 18 that He and these two angels had come down to see if the wickedness of Sodom was really as bad as the reports about it had been.
 - In Genesis 18:20, it says, **And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."**
 - Of course the LORD already knew everything about them (He knows all things),
 - but because He involves His angels in His work,
 - He is sending them to carry out an investigation to verify reports that other angels have brought to Him.
- So we get to see what these angels find when they go to Sodom...
 - And of course this is all revealed to us so that Sodom can be useful as an example of what we should avoid.
2. We find these two angels, who had already assumed the appearance of men along with the LORD when they had visited Abraham,
 - entering into the city of Sodom as evening is coming on.
 - You can see that in verse 1-2—and also that Lot greets them with the courtesy that belongs to the east...
 - **Gen 19:1-2: Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. ² And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way."**

- To Lot's surprise and horror, these men turn down his invitation.
 - At the end of verse 2, they say, **"No, but we will spend the night in the open square."**
 - Now that is the last thing Lot wants!
 - He can see that these are upstanding men, and he knows very well what the people of Sodom are like...
 - He is ashamed and cannot bear the thought of these men staying in his wicked city...so he presses them hard to stay with him...
 - Verse 3: **But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.**
 - Unleavened bread was bread that was made when you were in a hurry—and as evening was getting on, that is what Lot made for them.
 - He is committed to meeting their needs and to making them comfortable—conduct that is very pleasing to the Lord.
3. But Lot's horror at these men staying in square already tells us something about this place.
- Perhaps it is even an eye opener to Lot of just how bad things have become in Sodom...
 - We know from 2 Peter 2 that Lot was not pleased with the wickedness of Sodom—that it very much grieved him...
 - but I am quite certain that with these godly men coming and witnessing the wickedness, it heightened Lot's awareness of it.
 - You know how it is when godly people come around...
 - It exposes things...
 - Sometimes you do grow all too accustomed to sinful things—and all it takes to wake you up is to have someone godly see these things!
 - Perhaps you are watching raunchy things on television, and then a godly person is at your house and you are embarrassed by it.
 - That is a good thing...
 - It wakes you up to realise what you had grown numb too.
 - You look at what is going around you through godly eyes—and it is embarrassing...
 - I think Lot was embarrassed on account of Sodom and thinking of how these godly men that had come to his town must view it.

TRANS> But now something happens that really brings out the true character of Sodom—verifying that the reports were as bad as the LORD had been told!

- We are told that the men of Sodom come to gang rape the two men that have come to their city!
 - You can see how this great wickedness is described in verses 4-5...

- **Gen 19:4-5: Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.”**
- B. What we have here is a full picture of city in which the people have made their own desires the lord of their lives!
1. The vileness of this city can be seen first of all in that the men of the city come demanding to have these visiting men sexually.
 - That is what their heart, which we shall call “Lord Heart”—is set on!
 - It does not matter whether it is right or wrong—there is no consideration about that at all...
 - All that matters is that Lord Heart wants to have these men and Lord Heart will not be denied!
 - He is lord, and everything must bow before him.
 - It doesn’t matter if other people are hurt.
 - It doesn’t matter if God’s commandments are broken.
 - All that matters is that Lord Heart is obeyed and satisfied!
 - Making such a wicked demand is the first way the vileness of Sodom is seen.
 2. Secondly, the vileness of Sodom is seen in that all the men of the city, both young and old participate.
 - When vile deeds are done in a city, often the older citizens will exhibit some wisdom and restraint—but here they join right in...
 - and likewise, often the younger citizens will be protected—
 - But when a city is in full rebellion the youth jump right in and no one even thinks about it—we are starting to see this at Gay Pride parades.
 - The boys mentioned here were probably boys who have just come through puberty.
 3. Thirdly, the vileness of Sodom is seen in their refusal to be restrained.
 - a. Lot, in a desperate attempt to protect his guests, goes out boldly to stop them...
 - This is quite noble and brave of him and shows the great regard he has for those who have come under his roof—that is a good thing in itself.
 - He speaks in a courteous manner, even calling them his brothers:
 - **Gen 19:6-7: So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!”**
 - b. But it must have been quite clear that they were not going to respond, so Lot in desperation resorts to a very foolish measure...
 - It is quite disturbing what he does here—
 - In desperation, he offers his own virgin daughters to these vile men...
 - **Gen 19:8: “See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them**

as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.”

- There is a nobility in him in that he is willing to sacrifice what is his own, but there is a gross distortion of priorities here...
 - He should much sooner have protected his daughters for whom God had given him charge, than these men...
 - Perhaps he did this, in part, because of his great embarrassment in having these godly men see what his city was like...
 - What kind of place was this that Lot had chosen to live?
 - Lot's error here is a common one though—not exactly this, but the error of resorting to evil measures to try to restrain wickedness...
 - for example, a church will join in an idolatrous religious service with idol worshippers to protest same sex marriage...
 - or a young man will engage in pornography to gratify his sexual desires in an effort to avoid having sex with his girlfriend.
- c. But now look at how the men of Sodom respond to Lot's effort to restrain them!
- They absolutely refuse to compromise!
 - Lord Heart does not want Lot's daughters!
 - Lord Heart is set on having the men who have come under Lot's roof, and Lord Heart must not be denied!
 - That is how Sodom is when her heart is set on some sin.
4. And fourthly, you can see the vileness of Sodom in that they become angry at Lot for trying to correct them!
- Cursed is anyone who would even dare to rebuke Lord Heart!
 - He is lord!
 - He can do no wrong!
 - His desires are not to be challenged or questioned—certainly not spoken of as wickedness!
 - Who is this foreigner coming among them and challenging Lord Heart like this!
 - You see what the men say to Lot here...how angry they are...
 - **9 And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door.**
 - We see this all the time...
 - Rebuke someone who is following their passions and call what they are doing “sin” and they will lash out at you for it...
 - They will have you jailed or fined even if you don't call it sin, but just refuse to participate in it.

- Perhaps you have heard about Kim David, the clerk in Kentucky who is in jail right now for refusing to issue a license for a gay marriage because of conscience.
5. But you see that the men of Sodom become violent toward Lot—that is a fifth thing that is revealed about how vile Sodom had become...
- They will resort to violence against anything that stands in the way of what Lord Heart demands...
 - Nothing is to stop Lord Heart—and anything that does is to be destroyed!
 - Standing in the way of the desires of Lord Heart is deserving of death.
 - Fortunately for Lot, the men he is desperately trying to protect are angels who now step forward to protect him!
 - These men of Sodom have given ample evidence by now that they are vile—that the reports about their wickedness are all true.
 - So the angels use their powers to rescue Lot from their clutches...
 - You can see what they do in verse 10 & 11: **But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.**
 - It is generally understood that the blindness described here was not completely blindness, but that they were bedazzled—
 - The word *blindness* used here is a unique word that only appears one other time...in 2 Kings 6:18 where we are told: **So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, “Strike this people, I pray, with blindness.” And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.**
 - After this happened, the men did not know where they were and Elijah led them to Samaria.
 - What is clear in both cases is that the blindness was supernatural and that it confused the victims so that they could not recognise what they were looking for.
6. The response of the men of Sodom to this leads us to the sixth demonstration of their wickedness—
- that even after they are struck with supernatural blindness and confusion, they still continue to grope for the door!
 - You would think that it would have brought fear into their hearts to have such a thing happen—that it would humble them...but no!
 - Lord Heart’s desires are so important that his will must be pursued and nothing must be allowed keep him from his sovereign wish!
 - He wants to have sex with these men and he must have it now!

TRANS> That is the wickedness of Sodom!

- The angels have a clear answer that this city is wholly given over to wickedness!

C. But how does a society ever get to a place of such vileness?

- We need to consider that question.
 - Our society is not yet to this place.
 - Very few people in our society would condone homosexual gang rape of men who come to stay in our city.
 - We should thank God that most of the people in our city would be horrified at such behaviour.
 - But I would submit to you that though we would all recoil at the thought, we are on road to Sodom...
 - If we continue on the trajectory that we are currently on, we will be like Sodom and Gomorrah sooner than we can imagine.
 - Let me show you the road that leads to Sodom and you can see for yourself.
- 1. The whole human race got on the road to Sodom when Adam and Eve fell by eating the forbidden fruit.
 - It was precisely here that Lord Heart was enthroned as our lord.
 - It was in eating that fruit that God said not to eat that we determined that we would follow our own will rather than God's will...
 - That is how we got on the road to Sodom.
 - It all begins with setting aside God's law and enthroning our own will and desires...we enthrone Lord Heart!
- 2. But it takes time to go down the road to Sodom because,
 - a. Thankfully, the LORD restrains us.
 - 1) Adam and Eve still had a sense of shame—and they still had a conscience, and they still had God's law that had been written on their hearts.
 - 2) And they still had a fear of God and of His judgment, knowing that He was much greater than they were...
 - And He uses things like storms and death and sickness to humble us and keep us fearing Him at least to some extent...
 - 3) And above all things, God had brought His grace to Adam and Eve, promising that He would redeem people by turning them against Lord Heart so that they could be His people...
 - And that He would send them a redeemer to destroy the wicked and establish a kingdom of righteousness where the Lord is the Lord!
 - He made it clear that in the end, He would exert His Lordship over all, and that many people would be brought into His service.
 - And of course this is even more clearly revealed now that Jesus has come, and is washing away the sins of His people all over the world—by the blood of the cross and the washing of their rebellious hearts...

- 4) And then there are other people who restrain us—we have to deal with other people who are following their own desires too...
 - and even if we are a mighty king, it is still our subjects that grow our crops and make our clothes and build our palaces and fight on our battlefields,
 - so we have to exercise some restraint and likewise we are able to restrain them...
 - That is, kings and those in authority restrain us with laws and punishments for breaking the law.
- b. So these four things restrain us from getting to Sodom as quickly as we otherwise might...shame, fear of God, grace, and other people.
 - But we move toward Sodom when we begin to cast off these restraints!
3. The first restraint that is cast off is the gospel.
 - The gospel is the way back to God—the way of reconciliation so that we can be forgiven and empowered to live for Him...
 - To be a people who follow His law instead of our own heart!
 - The gospel is, in fact, the very thing that moves a society away from Sodom and puts them on the road to glory—to heaven—to righteousness!
 - We come to Jesus to be delivered from our own way in order that we might again walk with God...
 - That we might be with Jesus in God’s kingdom, doing the will of God through Him and completely forgiven!
 - But as more and more people cast off the gospel, it puts us more and more on the road to Sodom...
 - And understand that every society that is not following Jesus has at some point cast off the gospel...
 - The world did that from Adam until Noah’s flood...
 - And then after Noah’s flood, the people that came forth and became nations gradually cast off the gospel again and got more and more on the highway to Sodom.
 - It is at this point of casting off the gospel that we abandon the grace that would enable us to serve the LORD.
 - From there on, it is on toward Sodom.
4. After casting off the gospel, we then begin to follow our own way more and more...to follow the desires of our heart even if they are sinful...
 - This is where the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life begin to crowd out God’s law...
 - The lust of the eyes is our longing for things that God has forbidden...
 - We let ourselves fantasize about an affair or about using others for our own selfish ends...
 - The lust of the flesh is our taking things that God has forbidden...

- We begin to violate our conscience to get what our heart desires—just in little ways at first—and then in bigger and bigger ways.
 - And the pride of life—setting our counsel up as superior to God’s counsel...
 - We begin to boast that what we are doing is actually a good thing!
 - That God’s law is repressive or that it is harmful and we actually begin to make a righteousness out of our wickedness...
 - to call evil good and good evil.
 - Our society has done this with sexual immorality, so that it is seen as wrong to restrain anyone from following whatever sexual desires they have...it is to ask them to deny who they are...
 - Although thankfully there are still a few exceptions...
 - a few things like child molestation, bestiality, incest, and rape...are still generally looked down on...
 - We especially, as a general rule, still hold to God’s law that we ought not to do things that hurt other people.
5. But I say, as a general rule—because we are rapidly moving into the next phase of progression toward Sodom where we say, “to hell with other people!”
- My desires are what must come first...
 - And we see people actually crushing and grinding up their unborn children just because they are inconvenient...
 - Or cheating people to get ahead and taking pride in their cleverness when they can get away with their schemes...
 - And more and more we see children being molested and we see violence against anyone that stands in the way.
 - I remember when I first served in campus ministry and the general consensus was that we ought to love each other...
 - Today, many students say, “Why should I love others?”
 - Students have admitted that if they were paid enough money, they would not hesitate to murder someone they did not know.
 - If Lord Heart wants money, he must not be denied!
 - If someone gets in his way, that person must be crushed.
 - That is Sodom.

TRANS> What starts with following your own heart instead of God’s law ends up with gang raping visitors to your city just because *you* want to.

- We do not believe it is true, but 100 years ago, few people would have dreamed that abortion and open sexual perversion would be *promoted* in our society.
 - Today, we feel that way about gang rape or child molestation—but that is where the human heart will go if it is not restrained by the Lord.
 - We will be doing things that horrify us now!

III. So how ought you to respond to Sodom?

A. You are to hate Sodom and you are to hate the road that leads to Sodom!

1. Hate those sinful desires that are contrary to God's will—
 - Every one of them—they lead to Sodom in all of its vileness!
 - Repent of them earnestly with all your heart—repent of Sodom.
2. And let me make something clear—repentance is not just admitting your sin.
 - There are a lot of people that very freely admit their sin—but they excuse it—they say,
 - “Oh, but that is just the way I am—ha ha...”
 - “I can't help it—I am just a selfish person and I like to win...”
 - “I can't help it—I just have a temper...”
 - “I can't help it—I just have really strong sexual desires...”
 - And we figure that because we have strong desires, that excuses us!
 - But God calls us to repent, not to admit our sin and laugh at it and excuse it!
 - It is the road to Sodom and we will not prosper unless we confess and forsake it as sin.

B. There is all this talk about identities today, and it is affecting us as Christians.

1. We ask, am I homosexual or heterosexual?...what is my orientation?...
 - but those are not identities according to the LORD—
 - Our identity according to Gods' word is that we are sinners who set aside God's way to follow our own ways—
 - Our desires are simply contrary to God's law...
 - God has forbidden homosexual sex...
 - He has also forbidden heterosexual sex outside of marriage—
 - Pornography, masturbation, adultery, premarital sex, lust in your heart...
 - It doesn't matter—
 - The problem begins with setting aside God's law to follow your own heart!
 - Your identity and my identity is that we am sinners who need to be redeemed and who will keep on doing our own thing and going toward Sodom unless Christ delivers us...
 - That is who I am!
2. The identity I need is identity in Christ...
 - I need to come to Him and lose my life in Him...
 - He says to deny yourself and follow Him.

- He says to put to death the deeds of the flesh, the sinful passions and desires, and to keep His commandments.
 - He says, “Come to Me and I will wash you from your sins...”
 - “I will wash away your guilt and I will wash away your rebellion...”
 - As I showed you last week at Nicole’s baptism—He meets you at the door to His kingdom with water to baptise you—to wash you...
 - And then He continues to cleanse you as you walk in the light.
 - As you walk with Him, and learn of Him, and see His glory, you are transformed more and more into His likeness...
 - As you read His word and hear it preached, as you remember Him as the Lord’s Table, as you pray and cry out to Him...
 - He changes you and moves you away from Sodom.
 - He puts you on the road to glory instead of on the road to Sodom.
 - Which one do you want?
- C. And let me add that if you are on the road to glory,
1. Do not become self-righteous about it...
 - If you are on that road, you are one who knows that your heart, apart from God’s grace, would be on the road to Sodom...
 - Sodom is what your heart would become if it had full reign!
 2. Don’t be proud, but cling to Christ with thanksgiving!
 - Don’t boast to those who are on the road to Sodom, but tell them of Christ and of the way to glory!
 - Show them the beauty of Christ and His salvation...
 3. And above all, tell your children of the way to glory!
 - Where we are full of love like Christ instead of full of selfish desires like Sodom!
 - Keep showing them how ugly Sodom is—come beside them and say, “My dear child—surely you don’t want to go in that way...”
 - “We have a Saviour to deliver us from that way...”
 - “Life is not about satisfying your own desires—it is not about what you want...it is not about your will...
 - It is about the will of God!
 - Doing His will is what will make life good and make us beautiful and kind...
 - Let’s say no to our own desires and yes to God’s will.
 - Come with Me to Jesus—and He will lead us to glory!
 - Let’s say no to our own desires and yes to His will.