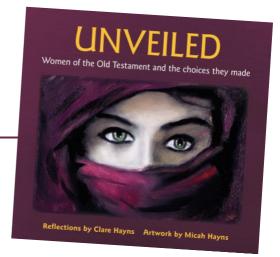
Unveiled

Women of the Old Testament and the choices they made

Discussion and reflection questions

Lot's wife: the woman who turned



Recommended reading:

Genesis 19:1–10 Hospitality and violence
Genesis 19:15–17 The family urged to flee
Genesis 19:23–29 Lot's wife looks back

Questions

- 1. What do we make of this strange and difficult story?
- 2. How has this passage been misunderstood in the past?
- 3. Do we think Lot's wife was punished or did she just fail to heed a warning to get far enough away in time?
- 4. In the video, Clare suggests one reason why Lot's wife may have looked back:

Perhaps she was grieving a place which held all childhood memories and which she'd never see again.

Can you think of other reasons why Lot's wife might have looked back?

- 5. Lot and his wife were guided by angelic visitors. How do we know when guidance is from God?
- 6. Have we ever felt guided away from something or a situation?
- 7. What insights might this passage give us as to the decisions that have to be made by people fleeing their homes today?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you turn your face towards those in trouble and welcome those who turn to you with open arms. Bless all those who face an uncertain future, particularly refugees. Give them your strength and help all your children turn in faith towards your love. Amen

