

Jesus tells us in:

[John 15:13 ESV]

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Sometimes love comes in many forms; we all speak of “love for our fellow man” how many of us have so much love we will stand up to the most powerful force in the universe, not just once but half a dozen times

Abram, who would be renamed Abraham was born only 292 years after the flood, he knows the complete power of God

[Gen 18:22-33 ESV]

22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

23 Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

26 And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

27 Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

[Gen 2:7 ESV]

( then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.)

28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

29 Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

30 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

31 He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

32 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

33 And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place..

Now Abraham, when he was told what God had planned for Sodom, [Gen 18:17 ESV]

The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do",  
could have done nothing to try to spare the peoples of the city, the only one that we know he had a personal connection with was his brother's son Lot

[Gen 19:29 ESV]

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

**[Rom 4:3 ESV]**

**3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."**

**Do you have this kind of absolute Belief in God, that you will stand up to injustice when you see it, knowing that you are close enough to the Lord that he will "count you as Righteous" and protect you.**

Are you willing to put yourself "out there" for people you don't even know?

God could have turned Abraham back into the dust he came from, but God knew Abraham's heart.

**[1John 3:18-21 ESV]**

18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;

20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

**21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;**

**Is your heart pure before God**