



"And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

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### **FAITHFUL DESPITE SHARKS**

Last month, a fisherman in California hooked a shark as long as the fisherman was tall. He tried to get the hook out of the shark's mouth, but it lunged at him and sank its jaws into his thigh, piercing an artery. The man called out, but the nearest human help was over a hundred yards away. However, Darby—the man's year-old pit bull waiting in the car nearby—leapt from the window and came to his master's aid. He sank his own teeth into the shark and eventually pulled it off, and they got the shark back into the water. The fisherman recovered, but things could've been much worse if not for the courage of a faithful dog.

### **FAITHFUL DESPITE SIN**

In today's lesson, we read of the extreme evil of the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah in the time of Abraham and Lot. Yet despite their great sin, God remained faithful to His own, providing a gracious way of escape for Lot and his family. Though the culture was deeply corrupt, still God remembered His promises to His people and made sure they were safe.

1. When has a faithful companion (human or otherwise) given aid that prevented you from coming to great harm?
2. Why is it difficult (or *is* it difficult) to remain true to a promise when the other person has been involved in some sin or misdeed?
3. How should we respond if we find ourselves in corrupt and sinful surroundings?

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