

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our theme today “Abraham Prays of Sodom and our text is Genesis 18:16-33. “Note” **the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org**

Sermon Outline

1. **Before I could intercede for anyone God had to go before me an intercede because the good things we do in the Kingdom of God don't begin with us they always begin with God.** What is the Lord telling you through this part of the message?

2. **The Lord wants us also to come boldly to him.** It says in Hebrews 4:14-16 *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.* Abraham was bold, but also humble. When we come to the Lord we need to do the same thing.

3. **Lastly our story tells us the power of being persistent.** The angels are headed off to Sodom to destroy it and Abraham does not give up....he talks to God...he does not give up.

4. Sermon Mediation

- a. What did Jesus teach and our show you in the message today?

- b. What is Jesus doing in your life right now as you respond to the message?

- c. How is Jesus challenging you as you listened to today's message?

- d. What do you believe Jesus wants you to do this week?

- e. What could you be praying about...or ask others to pray about for you?

5. Today's message is about prayer...please feel free to ask for prayer after the service if the Holy Spirit is prompting you. Pastor Tom