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Leaving Your Comfort Zone

Genesis 12:1-9 – “The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.” **Hebrews 11:8**

Off-Road Observations

1. Following God has defining moments, when He calls you to leave what you know to receive what He knows is better for you and a greater blessing for others.

Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 19:27-30

2. God may call you to leave your home, your family, your vocation, your lifestyle, a relationship, a church, a habit or a hobby. Leaving is hard and requires faith, but it is the only way to receive God’s best.

Matthew 10:37-39

How God Speaks Today:

- 1) Study His Word:** *Psalms 119:105*
- 2) Listen to His Spirit:** *John 16:13-14*
- 3) Worship Him and Seek Him:** *Psalms 34:1-4*
- 4) As His Word is Taught and Proclaimed:** *Acts 2:36-41*
- 5) Spirit Filled Fellowship and Gift Use by Other Believers:** *1 Peter 4:10-11*
- 6) Spirit Given Dreams, Visions and Revelations:** *Acts 2:17-18*
- 7) His Amazing Creation:** *Romans 1:18-22*
- 8) Spirit Led Circumstances and Confirmations:** *Judges 6:36-40*

How do I know when it is God speaking?

- 1) Consistent with the Word of God.**
- 2) Clean and piercing without condemnation.**
- 3) Clears our mind of uncertainty even if challenging.**
- 4) Comforts the core of our being during troubled times.**
- 5) Creates confident faith to act in obedience.**
- 6) Causes courage to well up despite real obstacles.**
- 7) Confirms, cautions or contests a decision we are wrestling with.**

Genesis 12:10-20

Off-Road Observations

3. Following God includes facing challenges and tests, but we make it harder on ourselves and other when we don’t face them with faith. God calls us to both leave and live by faith!

Hebrews 10:38 – “And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.”