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Direction

“GOD told Abram: “Leave your country, your family, and your father’s home for a land that I will show you.—Genesis 12:1 (MSG)

In Genesis 12:1, God provides Abram (Abraham) with a clear direction and purpose. He follows up this directive with a promise to Abraham; *“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* (Genesis 12:2-3).

How easy it must have been for Abraham to follow God’s directive – right? After all, He provided Abraham with direction, a purpose for his life and followed it up with a promise and glimpse into the future.

Wrong! Abraham, like us was human and though blessed by God, was prone to sin and making mistakes. Sound like someone you know?

How many times have you had clear direction and purpose in your life? As a ball player you have team goals and a clear understanding of what you need to do to be successful. You may have a goal of playing high school or college baseball. Maybe you are playing in college now and your goal is to be drafted. You know the goal(s) – the direction, the purpose. However, the details on how to accomplish these goals are left to you (with help from your coaches and teammates).

The road is not always smooth. A season is full of ups and down, wins and losses. There are games and seasons when you seemingly have it all figured out and others when it is like you never played before! Yet, at the completion of the season – *the journey* – you can trust that you have grown both in character and skill; and as a competitor even more determined than ever to reach your goal.

It is like that with your faith-journey and walk with God. God may give you a glimpse or general picture of what he wants you to do, but as far as the details are concerned he leads you one step at a time. It is up to you to trust in Him and remember the promise (the goal).

Like Abraham, we are all called to be a blessing to those around us – to our teammates, family, and friends. It is only through the grace of God that we are promised to be blessed. The journey will not always be smooth, but like all those of faith who have gone before us, we can be assured that if we keep moving forward one step at a time, God will bless us.

Let us commit this season to stay the course – one step at a time – and be a blessing to those around us!

Question: Do you know that God has a plan and purpose for you? Do you trust God’s promises even during difficult times?

Challenge: Read Genesis 12 and Psalms 5. Spend some quiet time each day reflecting on what God is teaching you and directing you to do. Each day choose to be a blessing to someone around you.

Prayer: Thank you God for having a purpose for me. Thank you for promising to bless me and for granting me the opportunity to bless others. Grant me the courage and persistence needed to carry out your purpose even during those “bumps in the road.” Amen.

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