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Have you ever stopped to think about how Abraham felt when the Lord directed him to leave his homeland, leave his people, and his father's household and travel to another land unknown to him?
This story is found in Genesis, chapter 12:1-14.
I'm sure that Abraham had many uncertainties about this sudden change, but his trust and love for the Lord was more important than anything he had on earth.
In April of 2010 my wife and I traveled to Charleston, S.C. on a senior adult trip. Being the one in charge, I had planned this trip and all of the itinerary. We stopped in Douglasville, Ga. on our way home to have lunch. It seemed as though cell phones started ringing in unison with people from Yazoo City calling and checking on their loved ones.
A major F4 tornado had just ravaged Yazoo City and many people were worried about the ones on the bus with us. These calls were coming from people concerned about thier loved ones who wanted to hear their voices to ensure that they were OK.
There was much concern. For me it was even a greater concern because I didn't know what I was bringing these lovely people back to. Would they have a place to stay that night? Would there homes and belongings still be there?
Many questions raced through my mind as we headed home, but we didn't move the bus from where we were without going to the Lord in prayer first. As we traveled toward home cell phone batteries began to run down and communication was limited to myself and the other driver. We were the only ones who had plug-ins for our phones and our entire group were depending on us for news.
Just as Abraham traveled and didn't know what he was going into, he praised the Lord for leading him in His direction. This group of senior adults are very resilient people and they also praised the Lord for what they would have whenever we arrived at our hometown. Fortunately, very few of them had damage and the Lord blessed our trip with safety.
The lesson in all of this is that the Lord is leading us. All of us need to stop and listen to Him and seek His guidance in where He wants us to go instead of going in the direction we want to go. If we will get on our knees and talk to God then the message will come across loud and clear. We just have to get ourselves and our selfish interest out of the way. God loves all of us, and we are His children. Just as you lead and direct the lives of your children, God will not lead you into something that will hurt you or damage you.
Prayer: Father, thank you for your love and your guidance. I pray that I will listen to you each and everyday. Amen.
(Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday - Proverbs 12:13-19; Monday - James 1:19-25; Tuesday - 1 Samuel 3:8-10; Wednesday -John 10:22-30 ; Thursday - Mark 9:7; Friday - Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; Saturday - Acts 3:22-23.)
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