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INTRODUCTION

In the era before personal computers, tech companies developed digital bulletin boards for people to post messages and share information. Over time, it became clear that users needed a way to move conversations away from the public forum. This led to private messaging, which we now call the “DM,” or direct message. When someone sends you a DM, they are not talking to the crowd; they are talking to you and you alone. It is a space for intimate inquiries and secret exchanges, a conversation away from the scrutiny of others.

Long before Instagram, our heavenly Father sought a way to communicate His will to His children. He wanted them to know His heart and to give them guidance. In Genesis chapter 12, we find a man named Abram living a public life in a pagan place. In the midst of the chaos and confusion, God decided to cut through the noise and send a word directly to Abram. He sent it straight to the inbox of Abram’s soul. Just as He did for Abram, there are times when God wants to move us from our past position to a future promise. To do that, He bypasses the crowd and the culture to give us a command, reveal His covenant, and connect us with our calling. The transformation in our relationship with God often happens in the DM, in those private moments when He speaks a direct message into the deep recesses of our soul.

KEY POINTS

1. God Sends Direct Messages to Messy People

When God sends Abram a direct message, Abram’s life has been turned upside down. His father is gone, his wife is barren, and he has no children and seemingly no future. God does not reach out to someone who has it all together or whose future is clear. Instead, He reaches out to someone whose life is tangled in trouble, idolatry, and hopelessness. This is good news because it means you do not have to be perfect for God to start a relationship with you. You do not need a spotless past for God to love you or a clear path for Him to use you. The grace of God is relentless. It will leap over mountains and swim across oceans to find you. When God puts His love on you, nothing can separate you from it.

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2. Change Is a Compliment, Not a Condemnation

God's message to Abram is an invitation: "Go from your country...to the land that I will show you." God wants Abram to know that if he stays where he is, he will never become what he is supposed to be. We often think of change as difficult or problematic, a sign that something is wrong. But change is a compliment. Situations do not always change because something is wrong; they change because you are ready for more. Change is God's way of telling you that you have mastered your current level and it is time to move on. It is a sign that God feels He can trust you with more responsibility, more love, more connection, and more power. Your capacity has become greater than your situation.

3. We Must Move from Leaving to Going

There is a difference between leaving and going. Leaving is often an indictment of where you are. We leave when we are frustrated, angry, or unfulfilled. Going, however, is an affirmation of where you are headed. We go when we are believing God for more, excited about what is next, and holding on to a promise. Abram is not just leaving his past; he is going toward the future God has for him. To access the fullness of God's plan, we must also move beyond simply leaving what is behind us and start going toward what is in front of us. What lies ahead is greater than what is behind. You have barely scratched the surface of what the Lord has in store for you, but you will never get it until you are ready to go with God.

God's call to Abram is a call to all of us. He speaks into our lives, often when we feel lost or messy, and invites us into a future that is bigger than our past. This is not a call to personal comfort alone; it is a call to mission. God blessed Abram so that he would be a blessing to "all the families of the earth" (*Genesis 12:3*). Our transformation is meant to fuel social transformation. As we step out in faith, leaving behind systems and mindsets that limit us, we are empowered to challenge injustice and work for a world where everyone can flourish.

Living a life with no limits means being attentive to God's direct messages. It means having the courage to embrace change as a sign of growth and the faith to go where He leads. This journey sets us apart from a culture that values safety over significance. It calls us to a life of witness and obedience, where our ultimate goal is not our own success but the glory of God and the well being of our global community. Your "yes" to God unlocks the door to the next level of your purpose, a purpose that is always connected to blessing others.

