



We're On A Journey
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Our walk with God is like a journey.

On a journey you depart from one location and head for a specific destination. A journey could have several intermediate stops at different locations.

As a church we are on a journey together – to fulfill our God appointed purpose on the earth.

We are moving from faith to faith, from strength to strength and from glory to glory.

When you are on a journey there is one thing that always happens – change!

You are changing. Things around you are changing.

Get used to change.

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

Here are some lessons we can learn about journeying with God:

#1. Release the past

Each intermediate stop is different from the other.

Release past pleasures

1 Corinthians 10:6 Numbers 11:4-6

Do not allow a pleasurable experience of the past become an illicit craving in your present.

Release what you have left behind

1 Corinthians 10:10 Exodus 16:1-8 Numbers 11:1-3 Numbers 14:1-4

When you feel like complaining about what you have left behind, think about what God is leading you into.

Zip your lip.

God does not like complainers!

Murmuring and complaining can rob you of your destiny!

#2. Enjoy the present

Enjoy the journey.

Enjoying the journey is important.

Your present location is not your final destination.

1 Corinthians 10:4 The Rock that followed them

Followed = to be in the same way, to accompany

Christ is accompanying you on this journey. He said He will never leave you nor forsake you.

Overcome discouragement



1 Corinthians 10:9 Numbers 21:4-7
Be careful what you say in moments of discouragement.

Discouragement can lead you to tempt (test) God – challenging God to prove Himself. God does not like to be tested! (Matthew 4:5-7)

Guard against idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:7 Exodus 32:1-5

A true leader is one who points people to God. A false leader is one who diverts people away from God to himself or to some thing else. In the absence of a true leader, or in the presence of a false leader – people worship something other than the true and living God.

When a God-ordained leader is away, satan attempts to divert people away from God.

Guard against anything that would take God's place in your life.

An idol is anything that takes our worship away from God with the promise of true “fun and joy”. Understand that an idol can never give you true fulfillment.

If you want to enjoy your journey you need to stay focused on God. Any other distraction (broken focus) will only waste away your time and energy.

Guard against distractions along the way.

#3. Get ready for the future

Stay in step with what God is doing

Stay with the camp Numbers 9:15-10:11

Walk by faith into your land of promise

There are some giants in your future! But don't let the giants intimidate you.

There are some seemingly impregnable walls ahead of you! But don't let the walled cities negate your faith. Hebrews 11:30

Don't have some else finish your journey – make it to your destination.



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