God Will Always Lead His People

Dear Daily Devotional Partner,

God has always instructed and led his people.

He told Abraham to go and to leave his relatives behind:

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. Genesis 12:1-4

God also instructed Moses where to go and what to do, as we read in Exodus 3:4,10:

And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

The Lord led His people with visible, physical signs, as we see in Exodus 13:21:

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

God warned Noah about the impending destruction of the earth and the destruction of mankind:

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Genesis 6:13

He instructed Noah what materials to use and how large to build the ark:

Make thee an ark of gopher wood... Genesis 6:14

...The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. Genesis 6:15

Noah was told what kind, and how many animals to take into the ark:

...Two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind; two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. Genesis 6:19,20

Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. Genesis 7:2,3,5

The Lord told Noah when it was time leave the ark:

And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee... Genesis 8:15-17

He gave Noah instructions to replenish the earth:

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. Genesis 9:1

In the New Testament, it is also clear that God personally led His people.

The Lord spoke to Ananias, as we read in Acts 9:10-17:

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

He gave instructions to the apostle Paul as to where Paul was to minister and where he wasn't to minister, according to Acts 16:6-10:

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

All through the Bible, we see God speaking to people about stepping out and following Him. Jesus said to the disciples, ...Follow me and I will make you fishers of men (Matthew 5:19), and to the rich young ruler, ..come, take up the cross, and follow me (Mark 10:21).

Some were willing to go, but many were not. We read of one who was not willing to follow the Lord in Mark 10:17-22:

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments... And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

The sooner you get it settled what God wants you to do and take the necessary steps to head in that direction, the sooner you'll get into your ministry. The sooner you get into your ministry, the sooner you will be in God's perfect will, and experience the peace of God in your heart.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and PERFECT, WILL OF GOD. Romans 12:1.2

There is no greater joy than knowing that you are doing what God has called you to do.

I look forward to sharing with you tomorrow.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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