

Leaving the Familiar for the Finest!

Numbers 10:29-36

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Introduction:

‘Goodbye’ as it has been said, is one of the saddest words. Indeed, one word that we must learn as we seek to surrender in order to embrace God’s purposes for our lives is this: ‘Goodbye.’

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I. People Who Miss God's Blessings/Best

Are people who will not ...

A. Claim God's Promise vv29-31, 32b

1. Involves making the choice of leaving what's familiar. (vv29-30)
2. Involves using what you have for God. (v31)
3. Does not simply involve getting things out of us alone. (v32b)

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B. Cling to God's Plan vv32-36

- 1. Brings about God's blessings. (v32)
- 2. Brings about God's leading. (vv33-36)

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II. People Who Left the Familiar for the Unfamiliar

- What are the familiar that we must leave to receive the finest?

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A. A Positive Example – Abraham (Gen 12)

- By his willingness to leave the familiar for the finest (unfamiliar), we have ...
 - 1. The establishment of the nation of Israel.
 - 2. The extension of God's blessing to all the earth. (v3b)

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B. A Negative Example – Lot (Gen 13)

- By his unwillingness to leave the familiar for the finest (unfamiliar) ...
 - 1. He stopped making choices in God's direction.
 - 2. He ended up making choices in the wrong direction. (vv10-11a)

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Conclusion: To whom and to what must we say 'goodbye' to TODAY?

- “Hanging on to it because it is familiar may be the worst thing that you have ever done.” (Dr. Bob Jones III)