

Making Room for God – Pt 03: Know Your Place

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With God, the beginning is just a taste. This sermon series explores how we can make more room for God in our lives after we've accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. There's always more, when we know how to discover it.

Part Three: Know Your Place

There is a way to make room for God that might surprise you. It has everything to do with knowing your place. Once you know this, everything changes!

Be blessed!

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Scriptures – All Scriptures New Living Translation

2 Kings 4:10

¹⁰ Let's build a small room for him on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Then he will have a place to stay whenever he comes by."

Genesis 28:16-19

¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!" ¹⁷ But he was also afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!"

¹⁸ The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. ¹⁹ He named that place Bethel (which means "house of God"), although it was previously called Luz.

Genesis 12:1-2

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

Genesis 13:1-7

So Abram left Egypt and traveled north into the Negev, along with his wife and Lot and all that they owned. ²(Abram was very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.) ³From the Negev, they continued traveling by stages toward Bethel, and they pitched their tents between Bethel and Ai, where they had camped before. ⁴This was the same place where Abram had built the altar, and there he worshiped the LORD again.

⁵Lot, who was traveling with Abram, had also become very wealthy with flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle, and many tents. ⁶But the land could not support both Abram and Lot with all their flocks and herds living so close together. ⁷So disputes broke out between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot. (At that time Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land.)

Genesis 13:10-11

¹⁰Lot took a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley in the direction of Zoar. The whole area was well watered everywhere, like the garden of the LORD or the beautiful land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

¹¹Lot chose for himself the whole Jordan Valley to the east of them. He went there with his flocks and servants and parted company with his uncle Abram.

Numbers 10:12

¹²So the Israelites set out from the wilderness of Sinai and traveled on from place to place until the cloud stopped in the wilderness of Paran.

Psalms 18:2

²The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

Psalm 32:7

⁷ For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.

The place where God wants you to be, really has nothing to do with location or circumstances.

Main Points

1. Know Your Place
2. Find Your Place in Your Purpose
3. The Right Place Has to Do with Presence, Not Location

Finding your place sometimes means moving things around.

Digging Deeper

Revelation

- Why is it important to find *your place*?
- How does God move things around when encouraging you to find your place? (Genesis 13:1-7)
- How did Abraham and Lot choose their places differently? (Genesis 13)

In order to make room for God in your life, you need to find the place where God meets you.

Interpretation

- How can we *miss* the place God has provided for us?
- Why is it important to establish a *name* for your *place* where you meet God? (Genesis 28:16-19)
- What did it mean for the Israelites to find their place and how did they have to do it? (Genesis 10:12)
- Why was David a man after God's heart? (Psalm 18:2; 32:7)

Many times, when God wants you to find your place, He also has to move things around.

Application

- What do you connect your place with God with?
 - Location and things... or Presence?
 - Can you remember any specific moments of when God moved in your life?
 - Have you discovered your place in God?

In order to find our place, we must learn to look with our spiritual eyes, instead of our natural eyes.
