

# THE JOURNEY Part 1

I want to introduce a new series entitled “THE JOURNEY.” This series is inspired by a dream I recently received. Now, without going too in depth into this dream (because most of it is on a personal level), let me point out that this dream has a lesson for all of us about the journey we’re taking.

In this dream there are two travelers who are traveling up a mountain. They are trying to escape a city that is under God’s judgment. Their journey is hard and filled with all kinds of obstacles (cracks, crevices). Occasionally, one of them might slip and fall. Thankfully, when this happens, the other traveler is there to help them to their feet. This continues all the way up the mountain!

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10***

***<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.***

Notice, the danger is not in falling. The danger is being alone when you fall! Therefore, the lesson is—NEVER TAKE THIS JOURNEY ALONE!

There’s another scripture that talks about two people making a journey together. But, before we go there I want to point out another detail in our dream.

In the dream, the two travelers were “fraternity brothers.” The word ‘fraternity’ carries with it the idea of *making a pledge or covenant*. When a person joins a fraternity, they are making a pledge or entering into a covenant with that group. Thus, being a “fraternity brother” is equivalent to being a “covenant brother!”

What lesson we can take from this new detail? —BE CAREFUL WHO YOU TAKE WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY! The person we take with us on our journey needs to be someone we’re in *covenant* with.

## ***Amos 3:3***

***<sup>3</sup> Can two walk together, except they be agreed?***

The word ‘agreed’ means *to make an appointment or arrange a meeting*.

## ***Amos 3:3 Good News Bible***

***<sup>3</sup> Do two people start traveling together without arranging to meet?***

The idea here is that two people cannot truly ‘walk together’ unless they have a *shared appointment*. Moreover, if we combine what we see in this verse with what we see in our dream, we can conclude that...

# COVENANT PARTNERS HAVE A SHARED VISION

Make sure that the person you take with you shares your vision or assignment. If you take with you someone who does not share the same vision or assignment, then someone will either have to abort their vision or abort the relationship!

## **Genesis 12:1, 4**

***<sup>1</sup> 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 shew thee: <sup>4</sup> 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.***

Notice, when Abraham embarked on his journey, Lot went with him. The question is why did Lot decide to go with Abraham? Was he following the same vision as Abraham, or was he following a different vision?"

If there are any *inconsistencies* in your vision, the journey will eventually reveal it!

## **Genesis 13:7–10**

***<sup>7</sup> And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. <sup>8</sup> And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. <sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. <sup>10</sup> And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.***

Apparently, Lot was following after the vision of his own eyes. Abraham, on the other hand, was following after the vision of God's choosing. Again, because their visions were dissimilar, the relationship eventually ended!

## **Genesis 13:11**

***<sup>11</sup> Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.***

It's important to note that "east" is not just a geographical marker. It's a way the bible indicates that someone is moving away from God! Moreover, because Lot and Abraham were walking according to two different appointments or visions, they eventually separated from each other.

We sometimes wonder why people separated from us? Oftentimes it's because we're traveling according to two different appointments!

### **Genesis 13:14, 15**

***14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.***

Notice, just because Abraham chose the wrong partner didn't mean God's assignment for him changed! Therefore, choosing the wrong partner doesn't necessarily disqualify you from God's purpose. The journey is not over, nor do you have to continue the journey alone!

If you suspect that the person you've chosen to partner with is walking according to a different vision or assignment, don't end the relationship. God knows how to separate you from every *thing* and *everyone* that's incompatible with your journey! Also, don't start treating them differently just because they might not be someone who continues with you on this journey. Don't start treating them as an **enemy**.

### **Genesis 14:14**

***14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.***

### **2 Thessalonians 3:14–15**

***14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.***

What about the person who separates from their partner because they insist on following their own desires? Is there hope for them? If you're guilty of separating from a covenant relationship because you're following after the desires of your own eyes, there still may be hope for you. However, it's likely that God's *original* assignment or mission has changed!

After Lot left Abraham, his story stopped being about inheriting the promise, and started being about being RESCUED!

- Abraham rescues Lot after being captured.
- The angels rescue Lot after Sodom is destroyed.

Apparently, God's mission for Lot changed to a RESCUE MISSION!

**Revelation 3:1–2**

***<sup>1</sup> And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. <sup>2</sup> Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.***

Notice, Jesus doesn't say, "Recover what's been LOST." Instead, He says, "Strengthen what's LEFT!"