

Just Keep Moving

Bible Texts Used: Genesis 11 and 12; Proverbs 3:5–6ⁱ; Luke 9:62ⁱⁱ; Hebrews 12:1–2ⁱⁱⁱ

1. A Call to Leave – Discovering Purpose

Pastor Bo explained that Terah, Abraham’s father, left the prosperous and idolatrous city of Ur to journey toward Canaan—a thousand-mile step of faith. Although the Bible doesn’t say exactly why he left, Bo reflected that perhaps God stirred Terah’s heart to move away from moon-god worship and start anew. Every God-given journey begins with purpose, he said, and like Terah, we must know why we move before where we move. Without purpose, we drift; with it, we live intentionally for God’s plan.

Reflection Question: *What “Ur” might God be calling you to leave behind so you can begin moving toward your purpose?*

2. Tragedy and Temptation – Stopping in Haran

Halfway to Canaan, Terah stopped in a town called Haran—the same name as the son he had lost. Pastor Bo called this “the tragedy and the temptation”: the tragedy of pain and the temptation to stay stuck in it. Many believers, he said, get halfway to what God intends because they pause in their Haran—a place that reminds them of past hurt, comfort, or idolatry. “Before we can reach what God promised,” he said, “we have to settle yesterday.” God can help us overcome pain, but we must keep moving forward instead of living in the past.

***Reflection Question:** What “Haran” in your life tempts you to stop moving forward?*

3. The Unfinished Journey – The Danger of Stagnation

Pastor Bo reminded the congregation that Terah died in Haran, never reaching Canaan— “a dream that died in the land of compromise.” Using the image of cleaning out a cluttered garage, he described how distraction keeps us from finishing what God began in us. Jesus warned that no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom (Luke 9:62^{iv}). When we take our eyes off Jesus, our lines become crooked. To live effectively, Bo urged, “Keep your eyes on Jesus—He is your true north.”

***Reflection Question:** What distractions or comforts keep you from completing the journey God started in you?*

4. The Next Chapter – Faith Like Abraham

Though Terah’s story ends unfinished, Genesis 12 opens with Abram hearing God’s call: “Go to the land I will show you.” Pastor Bo exclaimed, “Turn the page! If you keep moving, the next chapter is coming.” Abraham was 75 when he left Haran, proving it’s never too late to step into purpose. God still has “more”—more joy, more peace, more opportunity, more calling—for every believer willing to move forward. Bo declared, “Let’s not live with the regret of Terah; let’s live with the faith of Abraham.”

Reflection Question: How can you take one step this week to move from “Haran” toward “Canaan”?

Closing Thought

Pastor Bo concluded with a story about a miner who quit digging just three feet before striking gold. “What if the breakthrough you’ve prayed for is just three feet away?” he asked. Keep praying, keep reading your Bible, keep worshiping—just keep moving. God’s promise is ahead, not behind.

^{i 5} Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

ⁱⁱ Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

ⁱⁱⁱ ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

^{iv} ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”