

# DON'T SETTLE FOR HARAN

Pastor Jay Heiss | Genesis 11:31–12:3

**THEME:** *Staying faithful to God's calling and not settling along the journey*

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER:

This session is about not stopping short of God's calling in our lives.

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## FOUR REMINDERS FOR EVERY JOURNEY

### REMINDER 1: Every Journey Has a Destination

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Read Genesis 11:31 & Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to “settle in Haran” in a spiritual sense?
2. How does vision—or the lack of it—affect our spiritual progress?
3. Have you ever felt like you were living without direction or purpose? How did that affect your faith?

**KEY POINT:** Life without vision is like a journey without a destination.

### REMINDER 2: Every Journey Has Temptations to Settle

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Read Genesis 11:31 (*again*) and Isaiah 43:18–19 (NIV)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think Terah stopped at Haran instead of continuing to Canaan?
2. What are common “rest stops” in the Christian life that people confuse with

finish lines?

3. Is there something from your past that tempts you to stay in a place God is calling you to move beyond?

**KEY POINT:** Don't confuse a rest stop with a finish line. Detours aren't your destination.

## **REMINDER 3:** Even Though We Stop, God Keeps Moving

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Read Genesis 12:1 and Psalm 37:23–24 (NLT)

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How does God respond when we stop or lose momentum?
2. Have you ever experienced a spiritual “pause” in your life? What caused it, and how did you resume?
3. What encouragement do you find in knowing that your loss or detour doesn't cancel God's plan?

**KEY POINT:** Loss doesn't mean you've lost your direction—it tests your faith to keep following.

## **REMINDER 4:** Don't Settle for What God Called You to Pass Through

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Read Genesis 12:2–3, Philippians 1:6, and Hebrews 11:8 (NLT)

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What promises did God give Abram that show the reward of continuing the journey?
2. What are you currently passing through that you might be tempted to settle in?

3. How does Philippians 1:6 encourage you in unfinished areas of your life?

**KEY POINT:** Blessing is found where God is leading—not where you’ve stopped.

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## **PERSONAL APPLICATION & GROUP PRAYER**

### **REFLECT TOGETHER:**

- Is there a “Haran” in your life—something you’ve settled into that God may be asking you to leave?
- What’s one step you can take this week to keep moving forward in faith?

### **PRAY TOGETHER:**

- Thank God for His faithfulness to continue the work He began.
- Ask for courage to keep moving and faith to trust His direction, even when the path is unclear.
- Lift up any burdens or specific areas where people feel “stuck.”

### **LEADER TIPS:**

- Watch for signs of discouragement or weariness—encourage with Scripture and grace.
- Don’t rush through—pause where the Spirit seems to be working.
- Offer to follow up with anyone who expresses a desire for help moving forward in a specific area.