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Connection Guide

Numbers 33:1 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. **2** Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD. And these are their journeys according to their starting points: **3** They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians. NKJV

Also read 2 Corinthians 11:22-28 and Deuteronomy 2:1-7

What is some of the insight we get about the Israelites journey and Paul's journey? Is there anything we can observe from these journeys that give us insight into our own life stories?

Which one of these specific journeys / or others you might think of stands out to you the most and why?

Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Israelites (from Egypt to Promised land, Mary and Joseph, Magi, Peter, Paul and of course, Jesus -

If someone were to ask you about your life journey up to this point, what area would stand out the most to you? What about your "story", your "history" do you wish you had given the Holy Spirit more access to? What would you say has been the greatest obstacle / the greatest opportunity on your journey to this point in your life?

Discuss the importance of understanding Psalms 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! NIV

The following quote reflects why believers must not take the priority of their life journey for granted. Discuss the impact of this attitude on the effectiveness of the church.

"How many people are radically and permanently, repelled from The Way by Christians who are unfeeling, stiff, unapproachable, boringly lifeless, obsessive, and dissatisfied? Yet such Christians are everywhere, and what they are missing is the wholesome liveliness springing from a balanced vitality with the freedom of God's loving rule." -- Dallas Willard The Spirit of the Disciplines

Factors for a successful Journey:

1. Mission - what we were made for/ what we are here for. Did Jesus know his mission/ assignment? Read Mark 10:45 and comment What about Eric Liddell's quote in Chariots of Fire "God made me for a purpose, He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure."

2. Significance - who you are and what you do in life matter "True Significance is the result of intentional living, planning & preparation!"

Contained in the Journey of each of our lives is our mission, our appointment, our reason for being! It will be a challenge, it will be significant and it will be exciting! Do you sense, do you know what your true mission is, what the destination of your journey is? (Heaven is a given, no brainer, so think a little here as you share!)

3. The need for love and to love - why is this so important on our life journey?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. What part of this scripture do you personally find the most difficult to apply and live out in your day to day life? Why?

4. We must experience God Moments:

Moments of Destiny – Holy Interruptions – Divine Appointments –Holy Moments – Pivotal points – or experiences – eternity touches – "Aha" moments – defining moments – Holy Ghost encounters – breakthrough experiences – "This is what I was made for times" – SRO moments – God Opportunities
Moments of divine interruption, intervention, protection, power, provision, testimony, correction, discipline - **yes, even discipline!** Are you willing, open to respond to God's discipline in your life?

Lastly, read this quote from CS Lewis: - "We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive."

Is there a starting point you need to go back to in your life journey? A U-turn for Christ? Take time to share and pray for anyone who sees this need and desires prayer.