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MOVING ON AND BEYOND, PART II

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"But he said unto them, I must preach the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for therefore was I sent." Luke 4:43, ASV

The last writing ended with this question: Will you say 'Yes' to following Jesus wherever He leads; even when it doesn't make sense or feel easy? We would like to think our immediate response is in the affirmative. Truthfully, I believe we really want to obey God. However, when confronted, it's often not what we initially do. On a personal note, I have stopped resisting in my initial response to God's movements into new dimensions. Now I must learn how to remain confident in what God says while in transition and begin settling into the change.

The writing I shared from a family member said, "There's a motto: 'Jesus leads, Grace provides.' God doesn't ask us to forsake everything and everyone that we leave behind when we accept the path of change. Jesus returned to Capernaum again and again. But by staying where we are, we do some good, usually the same good, and by moving on and beyond, we do far more good than we could ever imagine." In essence, we should find comfort in knowing that, although we may not always be able to dwell in the familiar (same ministry assignment, same city, same job, etc.), it does not disallow a visit to those whom we have a bond.

If you know you have been resisting God's pull to move you higher in ministry, re-read the opening question and see if you can answer in the affirmative. Remember, it doesn't mean you can never visit those you may leave behind, but that you must move on beyond to do more for God than before.

Selah.

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