



The Purple Corner

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When God Closes a Door

What do you do when God closes a door? Do you sit and pout, scratch your head and ask why? Do you take it as a sign that it is time for a change? Do you react or do you respond? To react is to look at it from the perspective of circumstance. To react is to become angry at the thought of moving out of one's comfort zone and into the unknown. To respond is to carefully weigh the pros and cons and conclude that there is a good reason for it. To respond is to ask oneself, what is the lesson in this?

Sometimes a closed door is God's way of guiding us in the direction He wants us to go. Sometimes it is his way of saying that it is time to move, time to make a change. Like a mother bird who knows if she does not push the baby out of the nest, it will never make the move on its own God sometimes has to push us out. He sometimes has to close one door so that we will move toward the new one he is opening for us. We don't always want to make the change. Oftentimes we resist by holding onto the closed door not realizing that by doing so we are blocking the blessing that lies beyond the open door.

Abraham did not know where he was going, but he knew he could not stay where he was. This is what motivated Abraham to take a step forward. When you know you can no longer stay where you are but you have no clue as to where you should be going it is time to totally put your trust in the one who is guiding you. It's time to say to God I don't know where but I do know who and you allow the "who" to define the where. God wants to know that you are willing to allow him to guide your steps as you trust in him.

Have you ever been there? The once comfortable place is no longer comfortable although it is familiar. There is a strong stirring and restlessness in your soul that you can not shake. No matter how hard you try to convince yourself that it will go away, it doesn't and you get to the point where you can no longer ignore it. You know deep down inside you must accept that it is time. It is time to move so you take that first step just as Abraham did.

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

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