

**Month:** April 2014

**Scripture:** Numbers 9:22 “Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed”

**Food for Thought: When it's Time to Move..**

Are you ready to obey God even when it doesn't make sense, to obey when it looks foolish, to obey and go when every natural instinct screams stay?!

One of the most important lessons the children of Israel needed to learn was never get too comfortable in a place that was not ordained to be your destination. That's why God intentionally varied the time that they would stay in a place, to teach them that no matter how comfortable or convenient a place it was, It was not the promise. God did not tell them when he was going to move, he did not send advance notice because he wanted them to stay in a condition of readiness for change.

One of the greatest battles we fight is that of the familiar, Even though something or some place may be dry, desolate, and difficult once we become familiar with it we become comfortable with it. Once it becomes comfortable to us, we resist anything that threatens our normality or our familiar.

I have personally found that moving is one of the most interesting things. There is, in the moving process, something I call “ordered chaos” This is when everything is chaotic, everything is moved out of it's place, the familiar routine is replaced by what seems to be confusion and disorder. This is when you begin to realize all the things you have accumulated over the years is just plain junk, stuff that is outdated and unnecessary. This is the time of shifting and sifting, it's when you lighten your load, it's when you separate the useful from the useless and the valuable from the worthless. A lot of what you accumulate at one place you don't need at the next place. Moving is difficult because you are leaving the familiar, the comfortable, the normal. Jobs, families, acquaintances, routines etc.

I believe as you move from one level to another there are things that you will leave behind, including some excess baggage that's been slowing you down. Dust your feet and let them go! As you enter the unknown (Unknown people, unknown Jobs, Unknown surroundings, new experiences) There are some things that are not going to happen until you make the transition into the unknown by Faith

God is calling you to to take a faith step to your next level. Will you? Heb 11:8 “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went”

Praying for you.

Love  
Pastor Mercy