

BREAKING

CAMP



You have stayed here long enough. Deut 1:6

An invitation to move!

Set your heart and mind for a journey of trust, obedience, and gentle courage. This journal frames an entire week around God's gracious call to advance. The Israelites camped at Horeb, a sacred place of meeting with God. Yet even holy places can become holding places when God is inviting movement. The call to break camp is not a dismissal of what has been good; it is a declaration that there is more ahead. In this spirit, we begin by sitting with God's words and allowing them to reshape our assumptions about timelines, comfort, and calling.

It's time to BREAK CAMP!

DAY 1 – GOD'S INVITATION TO MOVE

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:6–8

"You have stayed long enough at this mountain... Break camp and advance."

Is there a place where "this is good enough" has quietly replaced expectation?

Reflection

God's invitation to move forward did not come because Israel failed. It came because they were ready for more. Horeb was a holy place—God met them there—but holiness does not always mean permanence. Sometimes faithfulness looks like staying. Other times, faithfulness looks like moving forward.

God speaks gently but clearly: "You have stayed long enough." This is not a rebuke; it's an invitation. God does not rush His people, but He does not allow them to confuse comfort with calling. They had lived in the wilderness long enough. It's time to embrace where God is leading us.

What emotions rise in me when I hear God say, "It's time to move"?

Questions

What comes to mind when you are told you have stayed long enough?

What about as a church? How might God be calling us to break camp and advance?

Step Forward

Today, simply listen. You don't need to pack anything yet. Ask God for clarity—not urgency. Write one word that describes what "moving forward" feels like to you right now.

DAY 2 – GOD WHO LEADS THE JOURNEY

Scripture: Psalm 78:52–55

"He guided them safely, so they were unafraid."

Reflection

God never tells His people to move without promising His presence. Psalm 78 reminds us that the journey out of Egypt and toward the land was not chaotic or careless—it was guided. God went ahead of them. God stayed with them. God brought them safely.

Fear often tells us that movement means risk without support. But Scripture tells a different story: God is attentive, patient, and protective on the journey. Breaking camp does not mean walking alone.

How does it change my perspective to remember that God goes before me?

What about as a church? How do we need to approach the future?

Questions

Where have I seen God guide me in the past?

What fears surface when I think about change or movement?

Step Forward

Write a short prayer asking God to help you trust His guidance. You might pray: "God, help me believe You are with me, not just where I've been, but where You are leading me." Then write a prayer for the church.

DAY 3 – FAITH WITHOUT FULL CLARITY

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8–10

"By faith Abraham obeyed... even though he did not know where he was going."

Reflection

Faith does not require a map—only a call. Abraham stepped forward without certainty, but not without confidence. His trust rested not in knowing the destination, but in knowing the God who called him.

A pioneering heart accepts that clarity often comes after obedience, not before. We tend to want assurance, guarantees, and full understanding. God invites us instead into relationship and trust.

Questions

Where do I feel stuck because I'm waiting for certainty?

What would obedience look like if I trusted God more than my need for clarity?

What small step might God be inviting me to take?

What small step might God be inviting the church to take?

Step Forward

Choose one small act of obedience today. It doesn't have to be dramatic. Faithfulness often begins with a single step taken in trust.

DAY 4 – LETTING GO OF WHAT HOLDS US BACK

Scripture: Luke 9:57–62

“No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Reflection

Jesus names a hard truth: sometimes the familiar can quietly compete with faith. Looking back does not always mean rebellion—it often means hesitation. Jesus is not harsh here, but He is honest. The kingdom of God requires forward focus.

Breaking camp means loosening our grip on what once sustained us but now limits us. Jesus invites us into a deeper trust—one that looks ahead, not behind.

Questions

What am I most tempted to hold onto?

How might looking back be preventing me from moving forward?

What would it mean for me to follow Jesus with open hands?

Can you think of a way that our church can live more open handed and trusting God? Is God planting a new idea in your heart?

Step Forward

Write down one thing you sense God asking you to release—an attitude, a fear, a habit, or an assumption. Pray over it and entrust it to Him.

DAY 5 – CHOOSING TO MOVE WITH TRUST

Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:8 (re-read)

“See, I have given you this land.”

Reflection

Before Israel ever moved, God declared the promise already given. Their movement was not about earning—it was about trusting. God’s promise comes before our action.

Breaking camp is not about proving our faith. It’s about responding to God’s faithfulness. A pioneering heart says, “If God has given it, I can step toward it.”

Questions

What promise of God do I need to hold onto right now?

Where do I sense hope beginning to rise?

How might my life look different if I trusted God with what’s ahead?

In what ways do we need to step out in trust as a church?

Step Forward

End the week by writing a simple sentence of trust, such as:

“God, I trust You to lead me forward, even when the path feels uncertain.”

Return to this sentence whenever fear or hesitation returns.

Looking ahead

In the next few weeks, we will continue to break camp. It's a journey of hope, courage, generosity, and so much more. As you prepare for the next sermon, ask God to show you where you have stayed too long. Open your eyes with a pioneering heart and let's see what God does in our lives and church!

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For more information on the journey in the wilderness,
see the Bible Project's video:

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/the-wilderness/>



