Moving to the living

Good morning, everyone. Welcome to "Try Jesus!" If this is your first time joining us, it’s great to have you with us. I would like to thank all the new members for joining "Try Jesus."

I would also like to welcome those in Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, Ohio, Michigan, South Carolina, and New Jersey. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. The Lord continues to expand his word!

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."  (Psalm 122:1 KJV). The Lord is indescribable and uncontainable. We gather to seek him above all today. He is an amazing God!

25} "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26} And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26 KJV). (John 1:4-5; 5:28-29; 6:35; 8:12; 10:7-14; 16:1-3; 7-11; 12:23-26; Mark 12:1-11). His words continue to live today. We have victory!

The words of the Lord has said it all this morning. Soon and very soon the Lord shall make all things new again. Stay faithful and encouraged. Trust in the Lord and never lean on the evil philosophy system of this nation.

I'm rejoicing this morning with all who have held tightly to the truth from last week and that truth has helped you be free to trust God in all circumstances. You can praise God this morning. Let Go arise and his enemies will be scattered!

Let's pray. "Heavenly Father, thank you for gathering hearts, and minds to "TRY JESUS." Lord, we see that you’re still the only way for the sin-sick soul to find peace in these evil times.

Thank you Lord for being our all-faithful provider and comforting lover of our soul this morning. We connect with you Lord through this social platform. Lord, prepare our hearts to move with you.

Holy Spirit, help us to walk faithfully with him, and to follow where he leads us. Open our eyes to see your truth and follow you without hesitation. Please soften our hearts to receive your word.

Cause our feet to be willing to follow those footprints in the sand. This is the path you have prepared for us. Help us to lay down distractions and surrender our own plans this morning. Help us to find strength in your unchanging grace.

Fill our conversations, our actions, and our spirits with the love and truth of Jesus as we walk together with you. You continue to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Be glorified, Lord, Amen."

Have you ever had to move something or somewhere without a single notice? Was it due to a natural disaster? I think of family and friends of "TRY JESUS" who live in the state of Florida.

When hurricane warnings are given, people are usually able to gather and move according to their already laid out plans. How about plans that all educational higher learning institutions have concerning fire drills?

These days our kids even have to be prepared to move from outside dangers wanting to come into their places of learning. There are numerous other natural instances where we may have to move without notice.

I recall recently reading about a volcano that had been dormant for some time. But as of late, it has been throwing ash and lava, causing those in its vicinity to move away without hesitation. I'm not sure any of us welcome abrupt moving.

I'm sure kids are never thrilled about moving from one school district to another. Why? Because they have invested so much in building those unbreakable bonding friendships over time. I went through it once.

But I can only imagine what those kids go through whose parents serve in the military and are moved around a lot because their parents are stationed at different military locations. But moving can have its marvelous benefits.

I wasn't quite sure about how and where to begin this week's message. Many times, when I'm praying about what to prepare for, the Lord will give me one or two words and then lead me from there. Sometimes he'll give me a word picture.

But today's message centers around how we move and how God moves for us to follow him. Did you know the world moves differently than how God moves. God is not held by how time moves.

He has set many things in motion by his own divine timing. God has no need for a Rolex watch to help in his moving plans for the world and us. When we decide to move, we go through various stages to make sure our moving is smoothly done.

Have you ever had to move and everything that could go wrong did go wrong? I'm always praying for young adults who make their first moving trip away from their parents’ comfortable nest to their college dorm.

Because it's their first move, their parents typically become their moving company "I forgot my \_\_\_\_\_ mom."  delivery service. Do you think young adults purposely forget to pack stuff away so their parents will have to do it?

Many people hate the thought of moving all the time. Others have become used to living out of their luggage. Sadly, there are kids who are moved around from foster home to foster home hoping someone will want them permanently.

When God moves, he moves with purpose and planning. Even before God would begin creating, he could move forward to see his foreseeable divine work. Let's look at a familiar name and scene involving someone moving.

If you have your Bible next to you, let's look in Genesis chapter 12. Here we find a very familiar name that most of the world has heard about. His name is Abram. This man was a true man of God. He had faith that pleased God.

Was he a perfect man? Not when you read about his flaws and moments where he and his wife stepped ahead of God in trying to help in God's plan for them. Sometimes we complicate things when we get in the way of what God is doing.

But Abram was a caring father to his own family and practiced hospitality to others. He also was a very successful and wealthy rancher. But sometimes God sees the bigger picture that we cannot always see.

So, God shows up when it seems Abram's father, Terah had decided to move to Canaan, but when he got to Haran, it seems his comfort had caused him to settle there (Genesis 11:31). Has this ever happened to you?

Have you ever made plans to move to a certain area, but circumstances came up that made you decide to move to a location that wasn't your first choice? Maybe your employer decided in the last minute to build their business elsewhere.

But as I said earlier, God can see past our appointed places of where we might think is best for us and our family. In (Genesis 12:1), God had a specific calling and place for Abram to settle in.

Many times our children bemoan moving to new locations. Especially, if it's in the middle of the school year. No matter how comfortable Abram may have felt in Haran, it didn't change Abram’s calling from the Lord.

1} "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2} And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3} And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-3 KJV).

So, you see the progression of things that took place because of Abram (later Abraham's) willingness to obey God and move as directed. There can be tough decisions when you must decide between moving or staying in place.

Being in God's perfect will can produce greater results than being in God's permissive will. For example, you might move to marry someone that is outside of whom God may have for you.

It could even be another Christian. But because marriage in of itself is not sinful, disobedience towards God's will could result in missed blessings. (Jeremiah 17:9). David found this out when he took Bathsheba as his wife.

[When God called Abram, he moved out in faith from Ur to Haran and finally to Canaan. God then established a covenant with Abram, telling him that he would found a great nation. And that this nation be blessed.]

But God also revealed to him that other nation around the world would be blessed through Abram’s descendants. His descendants were the people of Israel. They were to follow God and influence those with whom they came in contact with.

That word "influence" (epirroia) is a powerful word that has some of its Greek definitions as meaning to have an influx or flowing in. To sway and have delegated influence or authority. Israel was given this to proclaim God to others.

I pause for a moment to reflect upon this influence that was removed from us this week in the state of Utah. This powerful influence (Dunamis power) was on full display without wavering or fear. Please read aloud these verses.

13} "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14} Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15} Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16} Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16 KJV). Stephen was another example of displaying this "Dunamis" power. (Acts 7:51-60). God's power will never be stopped.

This was the blessing that would flow from the descendants of Abram. The Bible refers to Gentiles being grafted in to receive this blessing also. (Romans 11:16-24). Abraham’s faith is like the root of a productive tree, and the Jewish people are the tree’s natural branches.

So, speaking hypothetically, if Abram had decided against moving, who might have been affected by this choice? You see beloved, because of Abram’s obedience to God it opened the way for Gentile believers to receive God's covenant promises.

You see beloved, God knows our beginning and our ending. He has set these blessings towards us if we move according to his will for our lives. (Jeremiah 1:5; 29:11; Psalm 139:13-18; Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

God has certainly intended that all of his creation be blessed. But humans have an adversary (John 10:1-16). Satan is the enemy of the human heart, not those who speak like the huge heart that was removed from Utah.

True born-again Christians know their enemy is. It's not those we try to influence with God's love so they can be blessed through the seed of Abraham. (Ephesians 6:12). Also verses 10-20.

Christians are on a pilgrimage moving towards home. They are simply trying to influence as many as they can along the way to avoid the wide road of destruction unbelievers are walking currently walking on. (Matthew 7:13-14).

Abram moved and walked according to his plan to make him a blessing to others. Before we move on from Abram to the nation of Israel facing a similar call to move, here's a small recap about Abram for us to digest.

First came the command. Then came the location after being settled in Haran. Then came the final destination. Abram was moving on a journey of faith. Abram broke from past attachments and instead committed to God's promises.

After Abram, Israel would face another test of trusting God when it involved moving at his command. Abraham's descendants would stay in the land of Canaan for approximately 215 years before Jacob moved to Egypt.

The sons of Israel (Israelites) were the descendants of Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel after he wrestled with the angel. So, the Israelites were living in Egypt for hundreds of years. But God on his perfect timing showed up aga

This time it would be Moses who would be prepared to follow God’s instructions and go get the largest U-Haul to move approximately 2 million people to the promised land (Smile). First, God had to get Moses on board to get things going.

We know about Moses' excuses. Exodus (3:10-22; 4:1-17). Have your children ever made excuses as to why they would never want to move to another place? Moses felt inadequate for the job God asked him to do.

Just like our kids making a mountain out of molehill, thinking, having to move is overwhelming to them. But in most cases, the parents do all the heavy lifting when it comes to relocating to another place.

Like parents, God wasn’t asking Moses to work alone in this huge moving ordeal. Abram moving his family was vastly different than Moses moving a nation of people. Therefore, God was still with each individual.

Whether large or small, God has strong enough power and know-how to get the job done for us. He's greater than the best professional movers in our nation when it comes time to move according to his purpose and plan for us.

Not only did God lead them through the wilderness, he had all their moving expenses covered. He had the back and their front covered. Literally. Please read aloud into your spirit (Exodus 13: 21-22; 14:18-31).

Guess what? The Bible tells us God has a strong right hand. (Isaiah 40:10; 28-31; 41:8-10; Deuteronomy 5:15; Psalm 136:10-16; 138:6-8). God will help you when you are following him. No matter the calling on your life.

You see beloved, this pillar of cloud and fire in Exodus is identified as “The angel of the Lord!"  Well, who is that? Sometimes an angel of the Lord refers to one of God’s many holy angels, his ministering spirits.

These angels are sent to do his will on the earth. However, in this place there can be no doubt that this “Angel of the Lord” is none other than a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ.

If you have any doubt about that, just look back to (Exodus 3:2-6; John 8:54-58). The pillar was a manifestation of God’s presence. The cloud and fire is an excellent example that when God moves, he provides all our need.

Where God guides, he provides. He has our front and our rear guard. He is above us and keeps our feet from stumbling. God led Israel through the wilderness to the promised land. (Numbers 9:15-23).

Whenever the cloud lifted, the Israelites would break camp, whether it was in the day or the night. Sometimes the cloud would rest on Israel for many days, or a month, or a year, and in those times they would just camp and stay put.

The cloud could set out at any time. The Bible tells us to always be ready, to be equipped, to be ready to give an answer. (1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 24:44). The point of the pillar is that God remains faithful when he prompts you to move.

5} "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6} So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (Hebrews 13:5-6 KJV).

God will never ask you to move without him assisting you to your appointed destination. We can cast all our concerns to him when we have doubts about moving for him. (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Israel’s journey through the wilderness was to prepare them for the Promised land. This preparation and journey should have taken **approximately** 11 days. But because of their lack of faith and disobedience, it took much longer.

[The direct route from Kadesh-barnea, on the border of the Promised Land, to the land itself could have been covered in a matter of days, to Mount Horeb (Sinai).]

Those 40 years of wandering represented one year of wandering for each day the spies explored the land. (Numbers 13:18-25). Israel was very stubborn and stiff-necked. (Exodus 32:9-14; Deuteronomy 9:6-13).

I recall a pastor once saying, "Would you rather move when God ask you too, or would you rather God move you in spite of your reluctance and stubbornness to obey and follow him. (2 Chronicles 30:7-9).

I've shared the story before of how I learned to move very quickly when chastisement came at the end of hearing a swishing sound from a long belt when me and my two brothers were told to go upstairs and unpack our boxes

When you're told to move three times and you haven't budged, you've used up your three strikes. Hears some sound advice, never move boxes while wearing shorts. (Smile). Your legs are great targets for parents to swat during disobedience acts.

Again, Israel's wilderness journey, through punishment, ultimately served to teach the Israelites dependence on God and demonstrate his enduring faithfulness and power. God loves us so much that his love may involve chastise

🗣📢 Last words: Before we conclude for the day, it is important for people to understand that God desires only the best for your life. God will never ask us to do anything that he won't equip us and prepare us to move.

God is a God of movement. But God also is a God of rest. Even as today's message is being sent all over the country, God is moving through people's hearts. Do you think one voice removed from born-again believers will stop God?

Please read what God told the prophet Elijah when he hid in the cave running from Jezebel. (1 Kings 19:9,14, 18). God is still raising up leaders to carry his message. The Lord is still moving through people's hearts, and actions.

The power of Holy Spirit helps his people to live abundant spiritual lives and bring about his divine purpose to introduce the lost to his Kingdom. When God moves lives are changed beyond describing.

God's movements can be subtle, revealed through quiet promptings, or manifest in powerful events, and they are often characterized by displays of compassion, wisdom, or spiritual revival. Do you think revival helps us?

When God moves there is an awakening that moves your spirit if you are sensitive and alert through discernment. God's internal promptings can move people to new ideas in their soul and move them to divine action.

Some of you are waiting for God to move without taking any steps of faith to see which doors may or may not open for you. Remember beloved, God is working in you and on you to refine you and bring you into Christ likeness.

Did you know God never wants us to be stagnant? Jesus told us to occupy until his return. (Luke 19:12-27). How many of you were moved to different ministry callings recently? Many times, God will move us in order to have more spiritual development.

This helps us to not get stuck in spiritual setbacks. God is always moving through congregations where the Holy Spirit is allowed to move. If the Holy Spirit is not allowed to move or is not present, then that church is a religious dead church.

Where God moves, he also breathes. Remember when Jesus breathed on his disciples? (John 20:19-23). Do you believe in spiritual revival? Do you believe God wants to make hearts new?

God's word in his authentic believers brings divine guidance. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory that brings his anointing and presence within hurting communities, guiding them and offering hope for his moving glory.

God's movement is always connected to our faith that we move in. Please read Hebrews chapter 11. The foundation starts with verses 1-3. From there, the words "By faith" moves throughout the chapter.

Abraham’s life was filled with faith. Verses 8-10. He believed the covenant that God made with him. He didn’t know where he was going, but he trusted the one leading him. Have you responded by faith to move with God today?

If you're not trusting God, it's difficult to move with God. Children are taught not to go anywhere with strangers. Does God feel like a stranger to you today? Allow his loving kindness to draw you more closer today.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6 KJV).

God's Spirit can move in ways that we may not see coming at times, but we can be sensitive enough to recognize it when it happens and move according to his plan. I've been in anointed services where the Holy Spirit moved in and took over the service.

Please read aloud into your spirit, family or group study (Isaiah 43:18-21).  When God is ready for you to move, you'll know. Doors will close and open accordingly. You'll have peace about the decisions and things will happen.

This is only by his grace, not your effort. If God stops moving, then you should react the way the Israelites did in the wilderness, pitch your spiritual tent and wait on him. (Psalm 27:14). Waiting can be a blessing.

It’s always good to repeat things more than once. When it’s time to move, God will tell you. This sermon deals with staying in the will of God and the dangers of doing things on your own.

This much I do know, Jesus is moving in 2025 and beyond unless he returns. Jesus is still moving his church, his body of people through a religious and crooked perverted generation. He is guiding his church to a glorious reunion.

He is the Light that shines on the born-again Christians path. Just as the pillar went before them, leading them on their journey, so the Lord Jesus does the same for us. Please read the next verses aloud into your spirit.

3} "To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4} And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5} And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." (John 10:3-5 KJV).

4} "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5} And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:4-5 KJV).

There's only one light in this world to follow. All other lights are counterfeit and have a light that fizzles out against the true light. (John 9:5; Isaiah 9:2). The light of God is too powerful to eliminate in one person.

What happened in Utah will only serve to have more light come out. Just read (Acts 2:13-41). You see my beloved unbelieving friends; you cannot defeat God's moving power. Jesus remains undefeated through eternity.

The good news of the gospel will keep moving throughout this country. My friends, Jesus loves you fully and died for your hatred towards him. Nothing you do can change that.

But you cannot receive the Holy Spirit until you repent and turn to him for forgiveness. The Spirit of Christ has convicted you of sin. But he cannot move in as your resident Lord and guide until you are cleansed of sin.

Jesus is the only light of the world, period. (John 8:12). This living light moves throughout darkness so others can see the need for it. His light moves through his body of believers. This light is a promise orientation and direction.

Just like in the wilderness God had to remove the Egypt out of his people so they would not take it into the land of promise. Many times people will move into another area politically and bring all their stuff with them.

So, God uses his wilderness period to refine us like precious metal and to prepare us for our calling, a calling to be his precious sons and daughters. What’s your spiritual purpose? Where do you sense God is moving you?

Whether you’re walking in the Holy of hollies or out in the wilderness, God desires to take hold of your hand to his glorious Kingdom. Lot had all kinds of trouble figuring out how to move in his life.

And yet God was still there to take hold of his hand when things were desperate. (Genesis 19:10-16). And even after all this help, he still had trouble following fully. So, this fear and indecision cost him and his daughters dearly.

Again beloved, this wilderness period is a place of testing, where we confront our own desires and discern our commitment to God's will. God never allows us to move through life alone.

Here's three practical things to focus on when the time may come for you to move.

A) Keep your eyes on Jesus, not the world. (Colossians 3:3; 1 John 2:15-17; Hebrews 12:1-2; Psalm 16:7-9; Jeremiah 29:12-13; Isaiah 26:3; 2 Corinthians 4:18). Maintain a focus on Jesus and God, especially during difficult times.

B) live the Christian life. Not a religious one. There is a difference. The Pharisees and Sadducees were very religious people. They looked the part but only outwardly. You can only follow God by following Jesus not men.

You simply watch where he goes and follow him. Isn’t that exactly what the children of Israel did? Their advantage is that they could clearly see with their own two eyes when the Lord was moving.

We can’t do that. But we do have eyes of discernment from the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We walk by faith not by our own sight. So, how do we know when the Lord is moving so we can follow him?

Beloved, the best and only clearest way is to know your Bible! The Lord has revealed to us in his word how he moves and where he goes. If you want to know how to follow Jesus, you must be thoroughly acquainted with his ways.

That only happens through reading and receiving. I know many people who go to church but do not know God or his words. And many times, they act like the Pharisees. When God's word changes you, you're moving in the right direction.

What are you learning about Jesus? Are you copying his lifestyle movements When you find yourselves in a perplexing situation, ask yourself where the Lord is going in all of it.

C) We know how to follow Jesus by knowing the will of God. One of the most often asked questions of any pastor is how we can know the will of God.

My answer to that question is very simple. What does the Bible say the will of God is? Can you locate it in your Bible? That's your assignment this week. Start reading and keep reading, not allowing any distractions to stop you.

As people continue to be indoctrinated and moved towards ungodly acts, the Bible is the only source of transforming lives from the inside-out. One of Satan’s great lies is that you are a victim who has no power to resist.

You don't have to be moved by some of the powerful influences around you. The world teaches you that heredity, environment, and circumstances excuse you from responsibility. But God holds all life accountabie.

The body of Christ can trust God when he moves throughout this nation. We can trust him completely because he is boundless, without limits in power, knowledge, and existence, existing beyond time and space.

God is above finite created beings. This concept of infinity in divinity means God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.

If you are a Christian, you don’t get to choose your own path. If you do, you can be sure that God will chastise you. If you are a Christian, Jesus Christ is the Lord and Master of your life. He gets to choose what path you will take.

Please remember my friends, whether you understand or not, you are moving. You are moving in time and age. No one has been able to keep themselves from that six feet of dirt. Jesus came to keep you from moving to destruction.

Once he comes into your life through his Spirit, he stays. He remains and leads you towards his heavenly home every day, every step of the way. I’m so glad that he is committed to me. Because I might have missed his blessings.

We can keep rejoicing because the Lord is still that same spiritual cloud that stands between us and our enemies! Jesus remains the only light for our nation. The lost are blind and can’t see that light. They are dead in their sins.

They need spiritual life in order to see Christ in his glory. (Acts 7:54-56). The Lord must shine his light into their hearts. (2 Corinthians 4:5-7). Never stop praying for your lost friends and neighbors with all your heart.

Again, I'm going to keep repeating this. What happened in Utah did not stop the gospel. It is impossible to silence the voice of God. Christians are in a "Win-Win" position. Satan and his chosen follows are already defeated.

God is still moving within his church. He is moving in hurting communities; he is moving in our political realm. He is moving in our penal institutions. He is moving in our hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice places.

He is moving in our schools and colleges. He is moving in our homeless and those who are bankrupt in the spirit. He is moving in our brokenness. He is moving. Nothing on earth can stop his movements.

He's moving, are you?

🛐 Here’s a prayer you can pray to move when God moves. "Heavenly Father, I thank you for today's moving message upon my heart. I realize I cannot keep moving in the way the world is because there's no hope there.

But I've seen the joy on other people who have moved towards you, the only redeemer who can remove my sins. But Lord, I'm ready to surrender today and make you Lord. Please come and sit on the seat of my heart.

Lord, I need your constant presence, peace and wisdom. Help me, in my daily life, to pay attention to your presence and be with me step by step. I surrender every situation, circumstance, and choice to you.

Jesus teach me to wait for you to open the doors and lead me toward what is good and for your glory. You are walking beside me, and I can be confident that you will guide me as I grasp your hand.

Please give me the courage and strength that comes from depending on you alone and not activist world in our nation. Lord, please be my sure foundation. Help me develop a stronger sense of your presence.

Help me to walk differently in this world, exhibiting the sort of strength, confidence, and peace that reflects you.
God, help me to stay in step with your Spirit and not run ahead of you, but to remain at your side.

Lord, I desire your divine will for my life. I'm tired of moving in a world that offers nothing but pain and disappointment. I realize today my direction in life is only towards you. Help me to walk worthy of your name. That name is Jesus, Amen."

❤ "If you would like to know Jesus as your Savior, please read the drop-down page entitled "How to know Jesus."

📣 Help spread the word by sharing this web site and messages on your platform.

🙏 Please remember to pray for the people in Israel. They are God's people because of his covenant promises to them. (Genesis 12:1-3; Numbers 6:22-27; 24:8-9). ✝️

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