

Help! I'm Stuck | Ryan Wekenman | 9.12.21

Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What's your favorite music genre and why?

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Ryan continued our new series by preaching a message on what to do when we've plateaued in our faith. We first and foremost know whose counsel to seek when that happens, and that's Jesus. However, what's our next step when we are unsure of what to do? Every Believer goes through these moments or even seasons, including the heroes of the Bible. It's in those moments and seasons when we dig deeper, and truly walk by faith. Trusting Him when we can't see even a minority of the way and know that He has a plan for us. Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

How did Ryan's message resonate with your current season?

What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Read Genesis 12:1-4

What's your first reaction to this passage when God calls Abram to up and leave his entire life without a roadmap or list of instructions?

How should this passage resonate with every Believer in light of following Jesus?

God promised Abram that He'd make him into a great nation. He promised to bless him, and that many generations would be blessed through him. While the promise on paper would exceed anyone's life expectations, the roadmap on how and where to do so didn't live up to the hype. God's simple, yet daunting, only instruction for Abram was for him to up and leave his entire life. No road signs, google maps, GPS, just leave and He'd make good on His promise. Later in Genesis, God would give Abram a new name: Abraham. The Hebrew meaning for Abraham is "exalted father" or "father of multitude". Abraham would be the start of the family line, post Adam, of the new covenant eventually leading to Jesus.

Fast forward to the New Testament. "Follow me", Jesus says to a bunch of fishermen on a boat asking them to uproot their comfortable lives to follow this Rabbi they've only known for less than a day. Jesus resembling what Abraham started and eventually accomplished and completed it all through the cross. Neither the disciples nor Abraham were given clear instructions when called; only to trust in the One who called them. The disciples would eventually go on to build the early church continuing the blessing through Abraham for many generations to come.

When we're in a season, unsure of what to do, we can remember why we're doing it in the first place. Just like Abraham, we weren't given the whole picture at our "yes", but we were given the only Person we needed: Jesus. We can trust that God is good enough to lead us in the right direction. We can also trust that He will guide us back if we wander off to the wrong path.

Abraham's promise and purpose was bigger than what he could see, and the same still holds true today for every Believer. In moments of uncertainty, we can remember our faith doesn't rest on the certainty but the Person we're certain of.

What area of your life are you uncertain of that you need to trust God deeper with?

Knowing His faithfulness, how does that help you say yes to Him even when you can't see the whole picture?

M O V E

Genesis 15:1-6

What does this passage tell you about how God felt about Abraham?

Describe the season your currently in in your walk with Jesus.

We can sometimes find ourselves in a place where we feel stuck. We are doing all the right things, making the right decisions as hard as they can be sometimes and yet we feel like we aren't making any progress. The way we feel inside isn't changing, but we're still holding on to hope for something better. In this passage, this is exactly how Abraham felt. He was on a long journey that God called him to. He had responsibilities and a future that was very important to him but still holding on to hope for God to come through with something better. Have you ever felt this way? Abraham reached a point emotionally and physically where he didn't see any hope. A point we all reach at times where we just feel like giving up those things we want or need. We're exhausted and we need help. It was at this point that God spoke to Abraham in a vision showing him exactly what he was hoping for but so much more than he imagined. God told Abraham to look up at the stars, saying that all of those stars represented his offspring yet to come. It's in these moments that God shows up in ways immeasurably more than we could imagine and it is exactly what we need.

When we ask for God's help in situations that cause us to feel hopeless, He will be there. Not only will he be there to help you, but He will also do more than you imagined. This is demonstrated through Abraham's story. It's not always easy but if we're honest we can't do everything alone and we just need help sometimes.

God knows life gets hard sometimes but He always has a better plan than ours. The more we lean into and seek Him, the more we will see it. Even through the hardest of times He will remind you just how big He is. Hold on to Him and watch how much more He will do as you keep walking forward knowing who your Helper is.

After Ryan's message on Sunday, how can you be encouraged to hold on to hope this week?

What are some areas in your life that you are asking for God's help with?

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

- *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11*