



**envision:** finding our place in a larger story

## On the Move

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU...” — JEREMIAH 29:11

Week 2 of 5

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**Lord of the Rings // the Odyssey // Wizard of Oz // Super Mario**

**YOU ARE PART OF THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD.... and it's a journey story**

**GOOGLE EARTH CLIP.**

From the earliest pages of the Bible we see that God values **movement**.

*Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.*

**Genesis 2:8**

*God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

**Genesis 1:28**

*That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.*

**Genesis 11:9**

*Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed.*

**Exodus 25:14-15**

Sometimes staying close to God means being willing to **move**.

**Today, we will see why relocating can be a holy thing. // PRAY**

## Why God Moves People

Genesis 11:27-32 (p. 8)

**ILL: I'm always amazed at how I can get emotionally wrapped up in places special to me**

**PHOTOS // SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE // TERAH'S STORY**

We easily get **attached** to our location.

**SOMETIMES ATTACHMENT IS GOOD -- ACTS 17**

**BUT ATTACHMENT CAN BE IDOLATRY**

But relocation takes us to a place of **trust**.

Genesis 12:1-5

**ILL: getting lost going to IKEA... If you go where you've never been, you learn to trust.**

We easily get comfortable in our location, but

relocation often takes us someplace **better**.

**ILL: Many Pizza Hut restaurants have a buffet... three trips pizza, missed the chicken!**

**ABRAHAM WAS BEING LED INTO BLESSING!**

We easily get distracted by here and now but relocation impacts the **future** (and **eternity**).

**RE-READ THE BLESSING TO ABRAHAM... JESUS!**

## So What?

Taking your next step with God sometimes means **moving**.

**ILL: The day Jen and I left Chicago was a tough one. // Matt Reed -> Mexico**

We believe that God is leading our church to make a **long-term relocation** to the Long Center.

## WHY DO WE THINK IT'S GOD'S LEADING?

- ▶ No, we didn't get "**a sign**."
- ▶ We do have some solid rational **reasons**.
- ▶ There is one amazing **coincidence**.

**Marque Azrael**

## BONUS ADVICE

In any decision making activity, ask the following questions:

- ▶ Do clear biblical directives address this decision?
- ▶ Does clear rational thinking address this decision?
- ▶ Do strong Christ-followers support this decision?
- ▶ Are the decision-makers putting God first in their lives?

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

**Psalm 37:4**

**OUR PLACE IN GOD'S STORY MIGHT BE SOMEPLACE ELSE.**