



Life lessons from a man named Abraham.

Study Guide.

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Session Two

God rarely leads in a straight line, but He never leaves you in the curve.

Fill in the blanks.

God rarely leads in a _____ line, but He never leaves you in the _____.

Tarah was living in Ur but he wanted to go to _____.



God met Abraham in the curve at Haran.

Genesis 12:1 - The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

God met _____ in the curve.

God did not lead Moses in a straight line, but He never left him in the _____.

God did not lead the Apostle Paul in a straight _____, but He never left him in the curve.

God will not lead _____ in a straight and easy line, but he will not leave you in the curve.

If you are going through a curve, look for God.

Listen for His _____.

Lean in and _____ Him.

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When we are in the curves of our life. God is there. He does not leave us, in tough times. It is in the tough times he meets us and provides for us.

Eight ways God provides for us.

1. He takes care of our physical needs.

God promises to provide what we need (Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:31-32). He created the universe and gives food to every living thing — including you and me. The same God who provides food for the animals will not allow us to go without (Psalm 145:15-16, Luke 12:24-26).

Not only does the Bible promise this, we see examples in Scripture as well. When Jesus was preaching, and the crowd of people had not eaten, He multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish and fed more than 5,000 people (Mark 6:1-14). When Adam and Eve sinned and their eyes were open to their nakedness, God provided clothes for them (Genesis 9:3). Even when we mess up, God still provides.

2. He gives us rest.

God promises to give His people rest (Matthew 11:29-30, Psalm 23:2).

We experience this rest by placing our trust in Jesus. Rest comes from giving up control of our lives and following Jesus wherever His path may lead. Think about going on a long car trip. How different is the experience when you are the passenger instead of the driver? The passenger experiences rest the driver does not.

3. He provides direction.

God guides and directs our steps, so we can fulfill His great purpose for us (Proverbs 20:24). Many times, we see His direction most clearly in hindsight. We think we know the best way to do something and lament every bump along the way. But when we look back, we realize God has positioned us through those bumps to experience something far greater than we could have imagined (Ephesians 2:10).

4. He shows us how to escape temptation.

God always provides a way out when we face temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Just as Jesus combatted Satan's temptation in the desert, God promises to provide us with a way to defeat any temptation that comes our way.

God knows we will face temptation and gives us the resources we need to overcome those trials, including His Word and His Spirit. When we are prepared, God promises we will always be able to escape the temptations the devil puts in our path.

5. He helps us when we're hurting.

God promises to help us when we're hurting (Psalm 34:17-20). When life is hard, when the pain feels too much to bear, we don't need to hide from God. We can run to God. He is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1).

6. He saves us.

God provides a way for us to be in a relationship with Him (John 14:6). Once Adam and Eve sinned, we were forever separated from God. However, sent His only Son to pay the penalty for our sin (John 3:16). Jesus paid the debt we could never work off. When we believe in Jesus, we're able to experience a personal relationship with God — we are no longer separated due to our sin! (Romans 10:9)

7. He gives us peace.

God provides us with the ability to have peace in any situation (Philippians 4:7, Romans 5:1). He guards our hearts and minds and lead us into paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:3). He gives us confidence when we're uncertain and satisfies our longing souls (Philippians 1:6, Psalm 107:9).

8. He points us to the truth.

In this day and age, it feels as if you cannot trust anyone. Lies and half truths are part of everyday life. But God gives us a way to know the truth. He gave us His Word. The Bible is where we turn to know what's true and what's not, what's of God and what's not (2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:105).

Questions:

Are you experiencing a curve (tough time)? What is it?

What do you need God to do / to provide in your situation?

What would listening to God in this season look like for you?

What would trusting God look like in this season?

Who can you ask to walk alongside you in this season?