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## “Settling for Less” Abraham (Part 2)

*“A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep so shall your poverty come on you like a robber, and your need like an armed man.” (Proverbs 6: 10-11)*

### **The Haran Holdup**

**Genesis 11:31, 12:1** – “Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran (parched, dry up), they settled there.”

“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.’”

“And Stephen said: ‘Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’ Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living.’” (Acts 7:2-4)

**When God shows the Way, do not Delay**

### **Considerations:**

#### **(1) Timing Troubles**

**Genesis 12:4-5, 10** – (4) “So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (5) And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan... (10) Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.”

## **(2) Tendency towards ill-advised Dependencies**

**Genesis 12:10(b)-11, 13** – (10) “...and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. (11) And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife... (13) ‘Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you.’”  
(NKJV)

“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!” (Isaiah 31:1)

## **(3) Clarification in the Next Generation**

**Genesis 26:1-3** – (1) “Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. (2) And the LORD appeared to him and said, ‘Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. (3) Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.’”

### **Questions to Ponder:**

- (1) Have I settled for less than God’s best for my life? (Heb. 3:7-8, 4:1)
- (2) Do I realize the troublesome nature of delaying when it pertains to God’s call? (Heb. 3:7-8, 15; 2 Cor. 6:1-2)
- (3) Do I understand the impact of my example upon those for whom I am accountable? (Exodus 20:5; Numbers 14:18; Matthew 23:15)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)