

Key References:

Hebrews 6:13-20 (ESV)

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Deuteronomy 1:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ "The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain. ⁷ Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. ⁸ See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.'

Colossians 3:1 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

1 – THE SUPREMACY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Rus used Acts 17:26 to show how "large and in-charge" God is. **In what way does this verse display the supremacy of God?**

Rus highlighted Joseph, King David, & Samuel as nation changers. They were able to do amazing things as they knew how supreme & sovereign God was over everything. How does knowing these two things enable someone to step out? How can you see this in their stories?

How has God been prompting you out of your comfort zone recently? What fears have you had to deal with? How does knowing how "large and in-charge" God is help deal with these fears?

2 - COMFORT VS. PIONEER

What are common excuses you have found yourself running to when God is prompting you to step out? Read Hebrews 6:17-20. How does this scripture encourage you?

How can comfort stand in the way of God using someone? How can find the line between being overly comfortable vs. burning out?

What are examples of a believer living out conviction vs choosing comfort? What does it look like?

Rus & Glyn are stepping out in a seemingly big way by planting a church. Is stepping out in big ways limited to church planters? How can we live in the same pioneering faith in our own contexts?

How convinced are you that God has you in your current season for Kingdom purposes?

3 - LIVING SUPERNATURALLY

Read Deuteronomy 1:6-8. What promises has God made over your life? Are their promises that God has made that you're not currently living in the truth of?

Why does God want us to live supernaturally? Can you be a pioneer without relying on the supernatural power of God?

Are you prepared to be a pioneer?