

THE DIVINE GO!

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"Do you ever wonder why there are people, why there is anything? God's aim in human history is the creation of an inclusive community of loving persons, with himself included as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant."

– Dallas Willard

"Deciding what I most need out of life, carefully calculating my next move, and generally allowing my autonomous self to run amuck inflates my sense of self-importance and reduces the God of my incredible journey to the role of spectator on the sidelines...One of the most arduous spiritual tasks is that of giving up control and allowing the Spirit of God to lead our lives." – Henri Nouwen

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ² "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. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

top line blessing = bottom line responsibility

- Comes with embedded uncertainty

Uncertainty is the soil where our faith flourishes.

"I used to hate uncertainty, but I'm learning to love it. It is an acquired taste. I am discovering that the greatest moments in life are unscripted. They are unrehearsed and unplanned and unpredictable, and that is precisely what makes them unforgettable." – Mark Batterson

- Responding involves "release & embrace"

Releasing of what is to embrace what will be.

"If we are to take risks, to be free, in the air, in life, we have to know there's a catcher. We have to know that when we come down from it all, we're going to be caught, we're going to be safe. The great hero is the least visible. Trust the catcher." – Henri Nouwen

Genesis 12:4

So, Abram left, as the Lord had told him...

- The outflow will be helping others

God's heart is for people—all people, everywhere.