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How God Leads by His Spirit

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Abraham, our father of the faith, or the founder of the first covenant, was told by God to leave his country and his father's house, in order to do go where the Lord would show him.

Now, the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Along his journey, the Lord would only show Abraham what his next action should be, in order to bring to pass the vision from God.

Abraham also had to believe that the Lord was leading him on the best path for him, his family, even when it looked like this promise of Fatherhood would never come to pass.

As we study the scriptures we see that this is a pattern with God, that he often just leads us and shows us, <u>one step at</u> <u>a time.</u>

In the case of Paul, it was the same thing when the Lord spoke to Ananias. The Lord told Ananias that he was going to show Paul how much he must suffer the His name sake. (Acts 9:16)

Why did God not tell Paul all he would have to go through from the beginning? Well, that is just the way that the Lord leads, one step at a time.

His Word is a lamp to our feet, and with that Lamp he will show us the next step, no more. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)

The human nature is to want to know most everything from the beginning to the end, but that is not the way how God likes to operate. He is a Faith God, and He wants us to believe even when we cannot see with our natural eyes, or understand with our natural understanding, because without faith it is impossible to please Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

I am thinking about how the Lord led the first two missionaries to Brazil. Their names were Ingmar Vingren and Daniel Berg and they were from Sweden. While they were in Chicago they received a prophetic word that the Lord was calling them to go Para. They did not know were Para was located so they had to go the library to find out that it was in Brazil.

To make a long story short, they finally ended up in the city park in Para and sat down on a bench. Not knowing what to do next they told the Lord, "Here we are Lord, what do you want us to do next?"

That was the beginning of how *the Lord led them step by step* to ignite a massive revival in the nation of Brazil.

Whatever the Lord has called us to do, we need to trust Him as He leads us to do great and mighty things, by His Word and Spirit, step by step.

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