

GENESIS 11-24

ROAD TRIP

A JOURNEY OF FAITH

Provision on Our Journey

Genesis 18

1st God's provision develops out of an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Genesis 18:1-8

1 Now **the Lord appeared to him** by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth,

Genesis 15:7-10

And He said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.” He said, “O Lord God, **how may I know that I will possess it?**” So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Then he brought all these to Him

Luke 10:38-42.

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. **She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.** But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; **but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**"

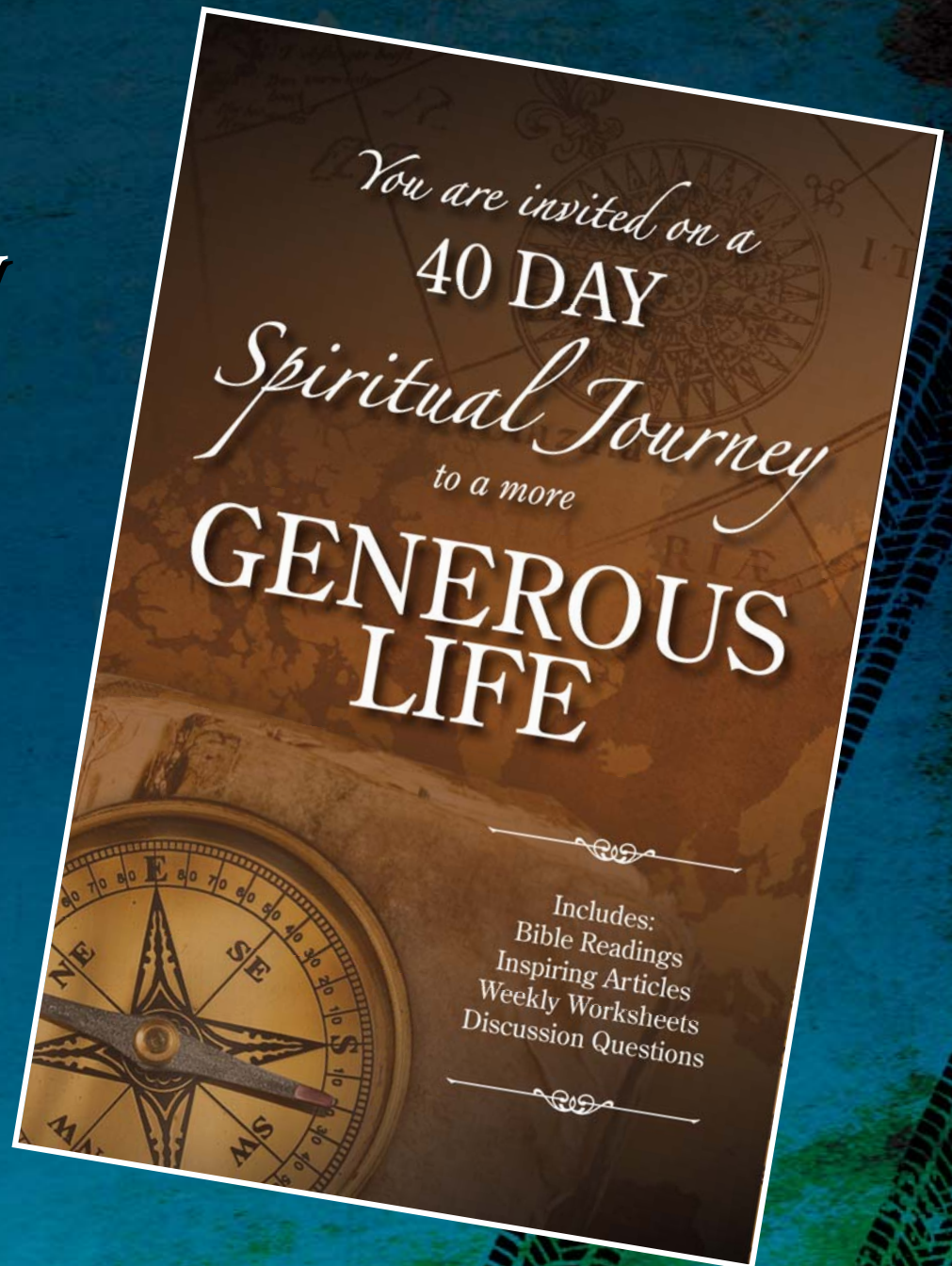
Revelation 3:20, 21

‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.** ‘He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Our heart in God's provision includes:

- Heart of humility, submission. and bowed himself to the earth, vs. 2
- Heart of grace: My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. Vs. 3
- Heart of service vs. 4-8
- Heart of presence: and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate

40 Day Journey to Generosity



2nd God's provision for my journey is based on God's character and Truth, not mine.

Genesis 18:9-15

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." 10 He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.

God controls the timing of His provision.
It is His choice, not ours.

“I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son.” Vs. 10

God's power will make it happen, not just my strength.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing. Vs. 11

God's faithfulness will sustain me even when I lack faith and have doubts.

Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" vs. 12

God's grace fulfills His provision for us, in spite of our own failures.

13 And the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, when I am so old?’ 14 “Is anything too difficult for the Lord?” At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” 15 Sarah denied it however, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

Jeremiah 32;17, 27

17 'Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! **Nothing is too difficult for You,**

27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; **is anything too difficult for Me?"**

Luke 1:37, 38

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

II Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.



3rd God's provision will be fulfilled. How should we respond? Genesis 21:1-8

--We must wait for God to act. He will not forget.

Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised. Vs. 1

--We must remain faithfully obedient. ... as God had commanded him... vs. 3-5

--We must give honor and thanks to God. Vs. 6-8

Genesis 21:6-8

Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.