

Trust the Journey

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There are many of us that have entered a season of wilderness and wandering. It can be very frustrating to know what you were promised, and where you are going, and yet, it seems like you are going in circles and wandering with no clear end in sight.

The Israelites wandered for 40 years, beginning that journey with a promise and direction. The exodus began with such a spark and can be viewed as such a dramatic climax in a movie scene. It was not a climax but a precipice. The Israelites had to cross over that peak, but not before pruning off the dead things they were carrying. Their old ways of thinking could not enter the promise. Their old habits and groanings could not enter the promise. The ways of the older generation were not meant to enter the new season. They needed a child-like faith, the seed that was inside of them (their children), to step into their blessing. The Elders were the transportation for the younger generation to reach their purpose! (Don't you love it when your elders carry you in their prayers?) There is a saying to 'shake the dust off your feet before you enter into a new place'. And that's in essence, what they had to do here.

When Jesus saw the fig tree in Matthew 21:19, He saw nothing on its leaves and declared, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again!" (NKJV) The interesting thing about this is that at the time Jesus approached the tree, figs were not in season. But He recognized there were not even buds or signs of future fruit. Much like the old ways of the Israelites, those that did not produce good fruit, had to be disconnected from the promise.

Your journey can lead you to a season of wandering, where you will be face to face with the dead things in your life that must be pruned off before you walk into your promise! As Jesus did to the fig tree, evaluate the things (or people) in your life that were not meant to join you at your next destination.

While this may be a painful process, ask yourself why you are still holding on to dead things. Ask yourself if the fear of letting go is stronger than the blessing of walking into your next level. This can be relationships, habits, character traits, jobs, items of false comfort, old ways and thinking, hurt and unforgiveness and so on. The weight you carry of that which no longer produces life (that you still hold on to dearly), can slow you down or prevent you from receiving your next blessing. Trust the process, trust the journey. Let go and let God! He has already told you what is waiting for you on the other side. Rejoice and know that He is God!