

THE MORE OF GOD TENT STAKES Refuse to Stay Behind

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Isaiah 54:2-3 "Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

Isaiah 54:4 "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;

2 Corinthians 10:13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us a sphere which especially includes you.

Refuse to Stay Behind

God has more for us than we can imagine or ask for, and when we make room for 'the more of God,' He fills the space!

God doesn't want us stuck in the past.

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

When God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt he took them on a little camping trip.

It was a prophetic picture and type of the New Testament church.

Hundreds of thousands of small tents surrounding one large tent.

The large tent was a unique tent because God said I am going to meet with you there and the visible glory of God will rest over it.

The presence of God didn't stay in one spot.

It would stay a day or two, a week, or a month and then the presence of God would move.

This is a prophetic picture of our lives.

When He moves it is our responsibility to pull up stakes and move with Him.

Numbers 9:15-22 Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. 16 So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. 17 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. 18 At the command of the LORD the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19 Even when the cloud

continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. 20 So it was, when the cloud was above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the LORD they would remain encamped, and according to the command of the LORD they would journey. 21 So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey. 22 Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey

If we don't move with the Cloud, we will get stuck in dead religion.

3 Practical ways to camp well.

1. Stay with the cloud and the community!

God wants us to be in community.

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Be apart of the community of God.

Be a part of the local church.

Deuteronomy 25:17-18 “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18 “how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

2. Recognize the stakes that need to be pulled up.

Be careful not to have temporary stakes where there needs to be permanent stakes.

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There are places in your life where God wants you to dig deep and place a permanent stakes.

3. Take actions to remove the stubborn stakes.

Here are 4 things that can help you take action.

PEOPLE: Expand your world by making new connections and relationships.

PLACES: Go where you have not been, see what you have not seen.

MONEY: Move into new levels of generosity and greater giving.

RESOLVE: Make a determination and a declaration,

“I REFUSE TO STAY BEHIND.”