

Moving *with God* Together

————— 3 - Day Devotional & Discussion Guide —————

Plan to *Succeed*

Bible Verse

“The Lord spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the wilderness of Sinai... on the first day of the second month, in the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt.”

Numbers 1:1

Devotional

Before the Israelites took a single step toward the Promised Land, God spoke to Moses in the tent. Everything started with listening. God organized His people by tribes, gave them a plan, and moved them forward one obedient step at a time. He still works this way today - He speaks to those who are willing to listen, whether through His Word, His Spirit, or His people. The problem for most of us isn't that God is silent; it's that we're distracted, rushing past the tent instead of sitting down in it. This week, set aside real time each morning - even five quiet minutes with your Bible open - and ask God to speak before you ask Him to bless your own plans. Take an honest inventory of your life, put God back in the center instead of the fringe, and choose gratitude over complaint when things don't go the way you expected. God hits moving targets - He meets people who are walking by faith, not people who are waiting for perfect circumstances before they move.

Reflection Question

Where in your daily routine could you create a “tent” - a consistent, quiet space to listen for God before you make decisions on your own?

Key Takeaway

God speaks to those who listen, and He always has a plan - even when we can't see it yet.

Prayer

Father, forgive me for the times I've rushed ahead with my own plans and asked You to bless them after the fact. Teach me to sit in the tent with You first. Help me put You at the center of my life, take an honest look at where I am, and trade my complaints for gratitude. I trust that You have a plan, even in the waiting. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessed

Bible Verse

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

Devotional

As the Israelites prepared for their journey through the wilderness, God gave them something more valuable than any supply they could pack - His blessing. This priestly blessing promises protection, presence, favor, peace, and a new identity, and it's just as true for us today. Being blessed doesn't mean life will be easy or free of hardship; it means God is with you in the middle of it. His face is turned toward you right now - not in disappointment, but with a smile - and His favor rests on you before you've done anything to earn it. That's grace. This week, instead of only asking God for blessing, look for someone you can bless in His name - a coworker having a hard week, a friend who's discouraged, your own kids or spouse. Let your awareness of being kept by God turn into you becoming a source of blessing for someone else.

Reflection Question

When you picture God's face turned toward you today, what do you imagine - disappointment, distance, or a smile? What does this passage tell you is actually true?

Key Takeaway

God's blessing isn't the absence of difficulty; it's His presence, protection, favor, and peace walking with you through it.

Prayer

Lord, thank You that Your face is shining toward me, not scowling at me. Thank You for Your protection, Your presence, Your favor, and Your peace, even when life is hard. Help me receive this blessing not just so I can feel good, but so I can pour it out on someone else this week. Give me eyes to see who needs to hear Your blessing spoken over them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

4 Attributes of an *Impactful Person*

Bible Verse

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Speak to Aaron and say to him: When you set up the seven lamps, they are to shine forward...’ This is how the lampstand was made: it was made of hammered gold... according to the pattern the Lord had shown Moses.

Numbers 8:1-4

Devotional

Numbers 8 gives us four attributes of an impactful person through Moses, Aaron, and the lampstand: ears that hear the Lord, hands that build a team, a heart that loves God’s presence, and a soul that shines even while dented. This scene takes place as the Israelites are still preparing in the wilderness, being organized and equipped before they ever move toward the Promised Land - impact, it turns out, is built in the waiting and preparing, not just in the arriving. The lampstand itself stood in front of the tabernacle, giving off light that represented God’s presence among His people, and its light was meant to shine forward, not backward. The lampstand was hammered gold - beaten and shaped, yet still valuable, still shining. That’s a picture of us. God doesn’t call perfect people to make an impact; He calls people who are willing to listen, delegate, stay close to Him, and let their dents become part of their testimony instead of their excuse. This week, pick one of these - listening, delegating, presence, or letting your wounds shine instead of hiding them - and take one concrete step in that direction. Maybe that’s finally trusting someone with real responsibility, or maybe it’s sitting in silence with God instead of filling every quiet moment with noise.

Reflection Question

Of the four attributes - ears that hear, hands that build a team, a heart that loves His presence, a soul that shines while dented - which one is God calling you to grow in right now, and why?

Key Takeaway

You don’t need to be undented to be used by God. Your hammered places, surrendered to Him, are exactly what He uses to shine light into others’ lives.

Prayer

Lord, I don’t want to just have things happen to me - I want my life to make an impact because of You working in and through me. Give me ears that actually hear You, not just ears that go through the motions. Teach me to build a team instead of trying to carry everything alone. Help me love Your presence more than I love distraction. And when I’m hurting, use those dents to make me shine brighter instead of shutting down. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Moving with God Together

Theme

Walking with God means listening for His voice, trusting His plan, receiving His blessing, and letting Him use even our weaknesses to make a lasting impact.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come together to grow closer to You and to each other. Open our ears to hear what You want to say through Your Word and through this conversation today. Help us walk away not just informed, but changed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Think of a time you had to trust a plan you couldn't fully see the outcome of yet (a move, a job change, a big decision). What helped you keep moving forward?

Scripture Focus

Numbers 1:1, Numbers 6:24-26, and Numbers 8:1-4

Summary

This series walks through the early chapters of Numbers, where God organizes and prepares the Israelites for their journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. First, God speaks to Moses in the tent and reveals that He always has a plan, even when His people can't see it - our job is to take inventory of our lives, put Him at the center, and trust instead of complain. Second, God gives Aaron the priestly blessing - a promise of protection, presence, favor, peace, and identity that reminds us blessing isn't the absence of hardship but the presence of God in the middle of it. Third, through the lampstand in Numbers 8, we see four marks of an impactful life: ears that hear the Lord, hands that build a team, a heart that loves God's presence, and a soul that shines even while dented. Together, these passages show that moving with God isn't about having it all figured out - it's about listening, trusting, receiving His blessing, and letting Him use our imperfect, "dented" lives for real impact.

Discussion Guide: Moving Together with God

Discussion Questions

1. God spoke to Moses in the tent before Moses ever took a step forward. What does it look like practically for you to “get in the tent” with God before making decisions?
2. The Israelites struggled with unbelief and ingratitude instead of trust. Where do you find yourself tempted to complain rather than trust when life doesn’t go as expected?
3. Read the priestly blessing in Numbers 6:24-26 out loud together. Which part of that blessing - protection, presence, favor, peace, or identity - do you need to hear most right now, and why?
4. Blessing in this passage doesn’t mean an absence of difficulty. How have you experienced God’s presence in the middle of a hard season, rather than Him removing the hardship?
5. Of the four attributes of an impactful person - ears that hear, hands that build a team, a heart that loves His presence, a soul that shines while dented - which comes most naturally to you, and which is hardest?
6. Share about a “dent” in your life (a hurt, mistake, or hard circumstance) that God has used or is currently using for good. You don’t have to share if you’re not ready.

Life Application

This week, choose one specific step from the series to put into practice: set aside consistent time to listen to God before acting on your own plans, speak the priestly blessing over someone in your life, or take one step forward in building a team, deepening your time with God, or letting your struggles become part of your testimony rather than something you hide.

Key Takeaways

- God always has a plan, even when we can’t see it - our part is to listen, trust, and stop complaining.
- God’s blessing means His presence and favor in the middle of hardship, not the absence of it.
- Impact isn’t reserved for people with perfect lives - it comes from people who listen to God, build a team, love His presence, and let their wounds shine instead of hiding them.

Ending Prayer

Father, thank You for walking with us through this series. Help us leave here not just with more information, but with hearts that are ready to listen, trust, receive Your blessing, and let You use every part of our lives - even the broken parts - for Your glory. Lead us forward into whatever “promised land” You have for us next. In Jesus’ name, Amen.