



When God Moves  
From Sermon: 2.10.19

Read *Matthew 28:18-20*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: Jesus told New Heights, all churches, and all believers to "Go". He never promised ease, \*success, peace, routine... He did promise to be with us always. Throughout the Scriptures, God moved people according to His purpose and plan. He does the same with us, even in confusing and sometimes painful circumstances.

From Sunday, review the following characters, their God move, and the outcome & discuss:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Circumstances/Move</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
1. <u>Joseph</u>	<u>brother's sold him. Egypt. Prison.</u>	<u>God blessed him. He saved everyone</u>
2. <u>Ruth</u>	<u>husband dies. Follows mother-in-law. ends up in Israel/Bethlehem</u>	<u>Redeemed by Boaz. Marries. David's great-grandmother</u>
3. <u>Daniel</u>	<u>taken prisoner by Babylon. Forced into king's service. Later: Lion's den.</u>	<u>God protects/elevates him. Gives him visions, wisdom.</u>
4. <u>1<sup>st</sup> Church</u>	<u>persecuted by religious leaders, civic leaders. Forced to scatter.</u>	<u>spread Gospel all around the world. Eventually to us!</u>

How can a move like ours and a season of uncertain outcomes actually be a blessing? Various answers: it causes us to trust in God even more. It unites us. it can lend itself to some excitement. We get to see God work miracles. New Height may reach a whole new group of people in the community. Area churches get to know each other and stand together = not in competition.

Read *Acts 9:1-8 & 26:4-9, 10-18, 19-23*. How did God move Paul? Where was his life headed and where did it end up? While he thought he was doing God's work (persecuting Christians), Jesus called him in a dramatic way. He never went back to being a Pharisee, his family, or his occupation. He was moved around the eastern Mediterranean world. He starts churches and writes much of the New Testament. He was persecuted every step us the way. Paul ends up in Rome and dies a martyr.

What has, traditionally, been New Heights 5 Momentum Killers? How can any one of them derail what God wants to do in our future? What can you/we do to protect from into any of them? Discuss

- Personal Moral Failure: \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Flop: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Disappearing Act: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spiritual A.D.D.: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Blind Side: \_\_\_\_\_

A few people have asked about the Nazarene denomination, what they believe, and how they may be different than us. Here's a very brief explanation: Rome—English Reformation—Anglican—John Wesley—Methodist—Holy Living—Abstinence—1908 Nazarene—biblically/socially conservative—Arminianism = not totally depraved, no unconditional election, unlimited atonement, resistible grace, salvation not secure.