

***The Great Adventure: The Lord Sends Us Moving***

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God has sent his people on a journey—the greatest adventure of all time. We are pilgrims heading home. It began in Eden, was taken up by Abraham and his descendants, but they failed to complete the journey. That’s when our hero Jesus came to take it up again and complete it. Now, having anchored us to himself in heaven, he enables us to complete the journey and he sends us moving—this time not to Canaan but to the world. He sends us moving out of ourselves and to our neighbor—and to those the Lord places within our reach. So don’t lose your enthusiasm for the trip. Don’t put your roots down. Be always ready to move forward by reaching out to those the Lord has placed in your path.

Sermon Outline:

1. The beginning of the Great Journey: Genesis 1:28
  
2. The journey interrupted by the Fall:
  - a. Cast out of the Garden: Genesis 3:4, 23
  - b. Wanderers: Genesis 4:12
  - c. Scattered at Babel: Genesis 11:8
  
3. The failure of God’s OT people to complete the journey
  - a. The journey renewed in Abraham: Genesis 12:1, Ex. 3:7-8,  
Hebrews 11:8-16
  - b. Wanderers for 40 years: Numbers 14:26-34

- c. Captivity: 2 Kings 25:8ff
  
4. The coming of our hero Jesus to complete the journey
  - a. Jesus completes the Exodus: Luke 9:31
  - b. To bring us home: Hebrews 6:19
  
5. The Lord now sends us moving again—with his authority and by way of the cross
  - a. The last leg of the journey: Matthew 28:16-30
  - b. Power in weakness: 2 Corinthians 12:9

God has sent his people on a journey—the greatest adventure of all time. So be always ready as you look to Christ to move forward on the journey by “going to”—by reaching out to—those the Lord has placed in your path.

**Questions For Reflection:**

1. Do you feel more like a pilgrim or a wanderer?
2. In what ways does your personality or our culture encourage you to be a “spin your wheels” type of wanderer?
3. In what ways does your personality our or culture encourage you to be a “put your roots down” type of wanderer?
4. If completing the journey now means reaching out to others, how can looking to Christ enable to you complete the journey?
5. What evidence can you point to that you are willing to be used of the Lord, not only for your gifts, but also in your weakness?
6. To whom will you reach out—be a missionary—this week?