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DAD BIBLE JOKES:

Who was the most business savvy woman in the Bible? Pharoah's daughter, who went down to the bank of the Nile and pulled out a little prophet

BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:

- · Isaiah 42:16
- · Philippians I:6
- · Genesis I2:I-2
- · Psalm 77
- · Psalm 143:10
- · John 14:26
- · John 16:13
- · Romans 8:9
- · Galatians 5:25
- · Romans 8:9
- · Psalm II9:105
- · Psalm 25:4-5
- · Hebrews I0:24
- · Acts 16:6-10
- · Luke I2:7
- · Psalm 56:8
- · Psalm I:3

BIBLE STUDY:

- · Read Genesis 16:1-4.
- Had God already promised Abram (later Abraham) and Sarai (later Sarah) that they
 would have a child? (Genesis I5:I-6). Why did Abram and Sarai decide to take
 matters into their own hands?
- What happened to the lives of Abram, Sarai and Hagar (Genesis I6:5-I6). Did Abram and Sarai's actions make life easier or more complicated and difficult?
- Read Genesis I4
- When God brought the Israelites to the Red Sea, how did they respond when they noticed the Egyptians closing in on them? (Verses II-I2)
- · Did Moses know how God was going to deliver them (verses I3-I4)?

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- · How much guidance do you think God provides?
- · What have you been "blinded" by in the past? Tears? Pain? Confusion?
- · Pastor Rick made this statement, "God sees perfectly, and He promises, "I will lead you." Do you believe this statement to be true?



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- Have you ever struggled with a life decision? Who to marry? What job to take? Where should I live? How did you resolve the decision? How did it work out?
- What does it mean when Pastor Rick says, "That's why the Bible says that the Word of God is a lamp for my feet, it's a light for my party."?
- · Do you believe that there is any obstacle too big for God?
- Isaiah 42:16b says, "And these are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone." Do you believe that God will fulfill the promises listed previously in the verse?
- Pastor Rick asked, "...why doesn't God just tell us where we are going from the beginning?" How would you answer this question?
- · Genesis I2:I-2
 - How would you respond if God told you to leave the United States, take your family, leave all your friends, relatives and jobs and go to a land that He will later show you?
- · Why doesn't God show us the whole picture at once?
- If you have children, how do they respond when you tell them it is time to leave the house? Do they ask a lot of questions about where they are going, how long it will take and other such questions? Are we really any different when it comes to God?
- · How would you feel if God brought you out of a place of comfort and familiarity to a place that seems dangerous with no escape (i.e. the Red Sea on one side and the Egyptian army on the other side)? Are we really any different than the Israelites?
- Do you expect God's pathway for you to lead you around trouble? Are you willing to allow God to lead you through trouble?
- · What are the four ways that God guides you?
- · Are you a true believer? If not, what is holding you back?
- Do you expect for God to guide you while you are not walking in the Spirit? What obstacles are in your life hindering your relationship with God?
- · What is the number one way God guides us?
- · When do you seek God's guidance? Is it only when trouble strikes?
- · Do you seek God's guidance on financial matters? Why or why not?
- How does Pastor Rick's statement, "The Bible is more of a compass than a map" make you feel?
- Do you try to live your Christian life in isolation? CRBC is a large church, but through the Connect Groups you can find close friends and a church family. Are you part of a Connect Group?
- Do you have Christians in your life who can speak truth into how you are living? Are you willing to listen to them?
- Have you ever experienced a time when God has shut a door in a decision you were trying to make? How did you respond? When things do not work out for you, even when you are walking obediently, do you pout or do you look at it as God shutting a door that He does not want you to enter?