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### **Parashah Points: Lech Lecha – How God Speaks**

Welcome to another episode of Parashah Points—short thoughts from the weekly Torah Portion.

This week’s Parashah Point comes from Lech Lecha, which is Hebrew for “Go forth,” and it goes from Genesis 12:1 to Genesis 17:27.

In this parashah, we’re introduced to the patriarch Abram, who later became known as Abraham.

God reveals Himself to Abram and calls him to leave his homeland to go to a new land (Genesis 12:1-10).

This parashah also tells the story of Abram passing off his wife, Sarai, as his sister in Egypt (Genesis 12:10-20)

We also learn about Abram and his nephew, Lot, parting ways (Genesis 13) followed by Lot’s captivity and rescue (Genesis 14:1-16)

Then we have the account of Abram being blessed by Melchizedek (Genesis 14:17-24), God’s Covenant with Abram (Genesis 15), the Hagar scandal and the birth of Ishmael (Genesis 16), and the covenant of circumcision (Genesis 17).

There’s a lot we can talk about in this Torah Portion. Today we’re going to present just a thought about receiving direction from God.

#### **Genesis 12:1**

[Now the Lord \(YHWH\) said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”](#)

Do you ever wish that God would speak to you like He spoke to Abram, telling you exactly what to do and where to go? Wouldn’t it be nice not to have to wonder or doubt about whether your life is heading in the right direction? Perhaps you would love nothing more than if just God showed up right now and

dictated to you a detailed five-year plan for your life.

While we understandably desire to have the kinds of direct conversations with God that Abram had, it actually wasn't what we might think. Some of us might imagine God as Abram's buddy who dropped by every day to say hello. But in the Bible there were only eight documented times when God spoke to Abram within a hundred years of his life—and some of those times occurred between literal decades where there is no record of God speaking to him at all!

When you think about it from that perspective, perhaps Abram's relationship with God was not much different from ours. There's no doubt that God still speaks today. Just like Abram, many of us have heard God's voice from time to time. We've felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to go somewhere or to speak to someone. But also like Abram, for many of us, those types of amazing experiences don't happen as often as we might like.

So what do we do in the meantime while we're in between what we might call "supernatural" encounters in which God speaks to us? It's no fun to just wait around. The good news is that we don't have to! God has already revealed Himself in far greater ways than even the revelations He gave Abram. And that revelation is readily available to us—all we need to do is read the Bible! Indeed, God's will for His people is clearly outlined in the Scriptures.

So are you unsure of what to do, when to do it, and where to go? Here's a simple example of how God's revelation in His written Word solves this for us. Ask yourself, "Is today the seventh day of the week?" If it is, then the Bible says that you are to rest (Exodus 20:8-1, Leviticus 23:3). So make sure you're off work and congregating with other believers. See? By following that simple instruction in the Bible, you're doing what you're supposed to do when and where you're supposed to do it. Easy!

We should consider ourselves blessed. As awesome as Abram's experiences were, he didn't have the written Word like we do. We don't have to wait around for God's revelation. If we want to hear Him speak, we can open up the Scriptures right now.

Thank you for joining us for another Parashah Point!

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