EPISODE 19:

You Think Your Past Disqualifies You.. It DOESN'T.. God Called You Out of the Confusion

Many of us quietly write ourselves off. We decide our past is too messy, our background too complicated, and our mistakes too many for God to build anything significant on. That decision can feel like humility, but it is actually a prison.

In this episode, Apostle Raley walks through the call of Abraham, a man God summoned out of Ur, a place whose very name means confusion, before Abraham had cleaned anything up. Here's the truth: your origin is real, but it is not the final word. How you were made is more important than how you were raised. Your past is not your address.

GOD CALLS INTO THE CONFUSION

Genesis 12:1

"Get out of your country… to a land that I will show you."

God called Abraham out of Ur, a place whose name means Babylon, or confusion. He did not wait for Abraham to clean up his background, resolve his questions, or tidy his story first. The call came while the confusion was still all around him.

You do not have to emerge from your confusion before God will speak. He calls into it. Stop waiting for a cleaner season before you respond to what He is already saying.

YOUR PAST IS NOT YOUR ADDRESS

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

Culture can turn your origin into a ceiling, letting where you came from become the whole story. But your destiny was written before your biography was lived.

God knew you and set you apart before the household that shaped you, before the wounds, and before the mistakes. Your past is real, but it does not get the final word on your future.

HOW YOU WERE MADE MATTERS MORE THAN HOW YOU WERE RAISED

Psalm 139:16

"All the days ordained for me were written in Your book."

A hard environment, absent or broken parents, a home with no faith: none of it determines your destiny. Poverty is not your financial future, wounds are not your relational future, and a faithless home is not your spiritual future.

Your days were written in God's book before one of them came to be. How He made you outweighs how you were raised.

DON'T SETTLE IN HARAN

Genesis 11:31

"…when they came to Haran, they settled there."

Terah set out for Canaan but stopped in Haran, the place in the middle, and settled. His name even meant one who delays. The enemy's strategy is not always to send you back to Ur. Sometimes it is just to get you comfortable in the between-place.

Haran is any place you have settled that is less than where God called you: the hollow job, the safe compromise, the faith that stays theoretical. It is liveable, but it is not Canaan. Do not settle.

THE CALL IS LOUDER THAN YOUR CONDITIONING

2 Corinthians 5:17

“The old has gone, the new is here.”

Abraham was raised in idolatry, yet when God called, he responded instead of reciting his disqualifications. The call of God is always more powerful than the conditioning of your past.

He came from Ur and became faithful Abraham. Not Ur Abraham. Faithful Abraham. Your origin does not get the last word on your identity, and neither does the person you used to be.

RESPOND TO WHAT YOU CAN HEAR

Proverbs 3:5–6

“Trust in the Lord… and He will make your paths straight.”

God’s call was “I will show you,” directional, not a detailed map. He gave Abraham enough for the next step, not the whole itinerary, and that was on purpose, because the journey requires faith.

You do not need every wound processed or every question answered before you move. Trust Him, take the step you can already see, and He will make the path clear as you go.

THIS WEEK'S MOMENT

Name what you have been carrying, then take the next step God is showing you.

Ask:

- What is the Ur, the past or background, I keep carrying as a disqualification?
- Where have I settled in a Haran that is less than what God called me to?
- What next step is God showing me that I keep setting aside?

Then:

- Name your Ur honestly and give it to God
- Identify your Haran, the comfortable but not-called place
- Break agreement out loud with the confusion of your past
- Respond to the one part of the call you can already hear
- Stop comparing your starting point to someone else's
- Declare your new address: not Ur, not Haran, but Canaan

Pray:

"Father, thank You that You called Abraham out of Ur and that You have called me too. My past is not my address. Break every agreement I have made with the confusion of my origin, give me courage to leave every Haran I have settled in, and help me respond to the step You are showing me. I trust You to show me the rest on the way. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Remember:

- My past is not my address.
- I was called out of confusion, not into it.
- How I was made is more important than how I was raised.
- God wrote my story before I made my mistakes.
- I will not settle in Haran when I was called to Canaan.
- As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.