



LESSON 2 // GET UP AND GET GOING

Big Idea: To move forward, we all need a “wake up call”—an alarm that stirs us to get up and get going.

God sounds His alarm and calls us to pay attention through circumstances, people, His Word and unusual or supernatural moments He puts in our lives. What should our response be? We need to awaken, listen to Him, act on His Word, rally to His cause and move forward!

Deuteronomy 1:6-8 (NIV) *The Lord our God said to us at Horeb, “You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates. See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land the Lord swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them.”*

Start Talking:

How do you make sure you awaken on time when you have to be somewhere or do something important early in the morning?

Start Thinking:

Read Romans 13:11 and Ephesians 5:14. What does it mean to you as a believer in Jesus to “wake up,” as both of these verses call you to do?

Read Proverbs 1:5 and 8:6. How do you benefit when you listen attentively to the Lord?

Read Deuteronomy 2:3. God told Israel in this verse to “turn north”—head in a new direction. Why is it so important to turn your heart and thinking toward the Lord (repent) when sin tries to point you in a different direction? What happens if you fail to do this?

Read Isaiah 43:18-19. How do these verses speak to you about God’s pathway forward for your life? How do they inspire you to move forward?

Start Praying:

Pray for your heart and mind to “wake up” to all God is calling you to grab hold of in this new year.

Start Doing:

Spend time this week listening to God by reading His Word attentively and purposefully. Zero in on a verse that stands out to you. Don’t just skim through it; meditate on it and think about it until it awakens your heart to action. As the Apostle Paul says, “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives” (Colossians 3:16, NLT). Then, based on James 1:22, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”