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Bible Study Outline

7:00 PM

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**Subject:** "How to Keep Moving When You Don't Know Where You're Going, Part VIII"

**Introduction:** Susan Beaumont, in her book, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're going: Leadership in a Liminal Season*, encourages the reader to "stand firm in a disoriented state, learn from your mistakes, and lead despite your confusion." Oftentimes when we find ourselves in a space that is not productive, frustrating, and challenging, we tend to give up and abandon that space. This Bible Study Series is designed to help us embrace that space and to keep moving rather than giving-up. For many, COVID-19 has become that type of space.

Author Richard Rohr describes God's use of liminal experience as: "The space where the old world is able to fall apart, and a bigger world is revealed. If we don't encounter liminal space in our lives, we start idealizing normalcy. The threshold is God's waiting room. Here we are taught openness and patience as we come to expect an appointment with the divine Doctor."

**Scriptures:** Genesis 20: 1-18

**Thoughts to Ponder:**

- God has to clean-up Abraham's mess AGAIN. (1-7v)
  
- Abraham introduces us to "situational ethics" AGAIN. (8-13v)

- Abimelech shows unusual kindness to Abraham. (14-16v)
  
- Abraham responds to Abimelech’s kindness. (17-18v)

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**Bible Study Motto/Creed**

“Bible Readers MAKE Bible Believers. Bible Believers MAKE Strong Christians.  
Strong Christians MAKE a Strong Church. A Strong Church MAKES a better city, state, and world.”