WILD GOOSE CHASE
Goose Bumps
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ABRAHAM AND THE WILD GOOSE

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others." Genesis 12:1-2 (NLT)

OBSTACLES HAPPEN

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OBSTACLES ARE OPPORTUNITIES

At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner. Genesis 12:10 (NLT)

FAILING TO TRUST GOD IS COSTLY

As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!' So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you." Genesis 12:11-13 (NLT)

SELF-RELIANCE IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE

But the Lord sent terrible plagues upon Pharaoh and his household because of Sarai, Abram's wife. So Pharaoh summoned Abram and accused him sharply. "What have you done to me?" he demanded. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' and allow me to take her as my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and get out of here!" Genesis 12:17-19 (NLT)

BACK IN THE CHASE

So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him…From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. Genesis 13:1, 3-4 (NIV)

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

Lesson 1. If you lose the trail, go back to where you last had your bearings

Lesson 2. When in doubt, get out the compass

Lesson 3. Believe the compass

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)