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TRUST THE PROCESS

We often view the process as some we need to go through to get our intended results. Last Sunday, Pastor Jon taught us that we should learn to trust the process. A lot of us are goal-oriented people who are more concerned about the product more than the process. In God's kingdom, there are no short-cuts to the product because the growth we need and the fruitfulness that we want happen in the process. Joshua 1:7 tells us, "*Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.*"

MAIN IDEA: In our Christian life, it's not about the finished product because the growth we need and the fruitfulness that we want happen in the process.

Read **Joshua 1** and **Acts 20:22-24**.

Key Questions:

- Both scriptures we read emphasize being fully obedient to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Why is full obedience to God a significant part of the process?
- The people of Israel thought they could only be a nation when they possess the Promised Land, but God developed them to nationhood through their 40-year journey. How did God develop Israel to be a mighty nation even without a homeland?
- Pastor Jon said, "Don't approach life like you're assembling an IKEA furniture. The joy of the Christian life is not in the finished product, it is the process." How are you experiencing growth and fruitfulness? What things about the Christian life are you 1) enjoying, 2) challenged about, 3) excited about?
- God told Joshua that there will significant battles on the journey; while Paul understood that there will be opposition on his journey; and they are all part of the process of *becoming*. What significant battles are you experiencing right now and how is God growing you in those?
- God told Joshua to not turn *to the right or to the left* because obedience is the only way to succeed. In what areas do you struggle obeying God?

Application:

- Read Acts 20:22. Describe what it means to you, right now, to be compelled by the Spirit. No wrong answers.
- Talk about a time you were prompted by the Spirit of God to do something. How'd you know it was the Holy Spirit? What did you do?
- What decision do you need to make right now that will require significant faith?
- Share how God is growing you, challenging you and making you fruitful in your present reality.
- How can you glorify God in your daily tasks with uncommon confidence?

Pray for one another.

- Read Isaiah 64:8. Pray for one another as we submit to the Potter of our lives.
- Pray for our church.