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WAYMAKER

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CONFUSION → DIRECTION

How to See through The Fog

INTRO — THE FOG

In 2020, Kobe Bryant was traveling by helicopter through Southern California.

That morning, the area was covered in **dense fog**.

Visibility was extremely limited.

Pilots have a term for what can happen in those conditions:

Spatial disorientation.

When you can't see clearly,
your senses start lying to you.
Your body tells you one thing.
Reality is telling you another.
Up feels like down.
Left feels like right.
Level feels like tilted.
Safe feels dangerous.
And if you trust your instincts
instead of your instruments...
you can drift off course
without realizing it.
Worst of all.... You will crash.
That's exactly what happened.

The danger wasn't the **helicopter**.

- The danger was that the pilot couldn't see clearly.

And when you can't see clearly,

- you start trusting what feels right... instead of what is right.

- That's **CONFUSION!**

And some of you aren't in a **STORM...**

- You're in a **FOG.**

CONFUSION doesn't always mean you're **LOST.**

- Sometimes it just means you can't **trust your senses** about the next step.

The most dangerous place isn't the **storm**

- — it's the **fog.**

When you can't **see clearly...**

- you **start believing wrongly.**

Some of us don't **need more OPTIONS**

- you **need better DIRECTION.**

CONFUSION is one of the most frustrating places to live.

- Because it's not pain you can point to.
- It's **FOG.**

You don't know:

- What **decision** to make
- What God is **doing**
- What **comes next**

You're not stuck because you're **lazy**.

- You're **stuck** because you're **unclear**.

And **confusion** has a VOICE:

- *“What if you **choose wrong**?”*
- *“What if you **miss God**?”*
- *“What if **this ruins everything**?”*

So....

- You **wait**.
- You **delay**.
- You **overthink**.
- You **replay scenarios**.

And the **longer** you sit in confusion,

- the **louder** it gets.

Fog looks massive.

- It feels overwhelming.
- It limits your vision.

But scientists tell us...

- if you could collect all the water in a large section of fog...
- IT MIGHT ONLY FILL A CUP!

In other words —

- what feels overwhelming is **often made of very little substance.**

THAT'S WHY...

GOD DOESN'T REMOVE ALL FOG

We assume God leads like GPS.

- *“Turn left in 500 feet.”*

But Scripture shows something different.

- **God gives direction... without giving ALL the details.**

Genesis 12:1–4 (CSB) *The Lord said to Abram: **Go from your land, ... to the land that I will show you.***

“Go... to the land I will show you.”

Not:

- *“I have shown you.”*

But:

- *“I will show you.”*

God instructed **movement** before **clarity**.

Abraham left:

- Familiar land
- Family systems
- Security
- Predictability

⇒ Without a DESTINATION.

That's not **bad leadership**.

- That's **divine formation**.

If **God showed you everything:**

- You wouldn't need **FAITH**.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (CSB) *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

DIRECTION IS OFTEN DISCOVERED IN MOTION

You don't get **CLARITY** sitting still.

- You get **CLARITY** moving forward.

God didn't say:

- “*Sit until you understand.*”

He said:

- “*Go... and I will show you.*”

So what **do you do when you don't know everything?**

⇒ You start with what you **DO** know.

1- Obey the last clear thing God said.

Most people are waiting for a new word

- while ignoring the last one.

You may not know your future,

- but you already know some things God has said:
 - Forgive.
 - Pray.
 - Be faithful.
 - Serve.
 - Worship Him.
 - Trust Him

CLARITY doesn't come from **new revelation**.

- It comes from **present obedience**.
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2- Take the next step — not the whole journey.

It's the reason that we stress NEXT STEPS as a church.

- You may not know **every step**,
— but you can take your **next step**!

You don't need the **full picture**.

- You just need **the next step**.
 - Make the call.
 - Have the conversation.
 - Start the habit.
 - Show up again.

Movement creates momentum.

- **Momentum creates clarity.**
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That tells us....

You don't need **full clarity to move forward**.

- You need **enough faith to take the next step**.
 - *“Go... and I will show you.”*
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So.... When you don't know what to do:

Ask:

- Does it align with Scripture?
- Does it produce peace?
- Does it require trust?
- Does it move me forward in obedience?

GOD'S WILL is not a **mystery** to **hide**.

- **It's a path to walk.**
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GOD LEADS IN STEPS, NOT SPOTLIGHTS

Psalm 119:105 (CSB) *Your word is a lamp for my feet and a **light** on my path.*

Not a **spotlight** for your future.

- A **lamp** for your next step.
 - A **light** to see the next phase of the path.
 - God rarely shows the whole path.
 - He shows the next step.
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WHY WE STAY STUCK

We want:

- **Certainty before obedience**

- **Clarity before commitment**
- **Details before movement**

But the Kingdom works differently.

- **Obedience in the first step produces clarity for the next step.**

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV) *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace.*

Confusion creates a story full of:

- Hurry
- Panic
- Pressure
- Fear

God writes a story of:

- **Peace — Clarity — Simplicity** and He does it: **Step by Step**

You don't need **full understanding**.

- You need **faithful obedience**.

Some of us are **waiting for God to reveal everything**.

- And God is waiting for you to take ONE step.

MANY OF US NEED A WAYMAKER MOMENT

Isaiah 43:19 (CSB) *[God declared to His people] Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way...*

The problem isn't that God isn't moving.

- The problem is we're intimidated by the FOG.

THE REALITY OF FOG

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When you don't know what to do...

- **Take the next step.**

When you don't see the whole path...

- **Trust the One who does.**

When confusion surrounds you...

- **God is still leading you.**
- **Because He is a Waymaker.**

Genesis 12:1–4 (CSB) *The Lord said to Abram: **Go from your land ... to the land that I will show you.** ² I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing ⁴ **So Abram went...***

⇒ Abraham just kept walking it out...

Genesis 14:19–20 (CSB) ¹⁹ *[The priest] blessed [Abram] and said: “**Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.**” And [Abram] gave him a tithe of all.*

“Abram of God Most High” = **ELEVATION**

“Possessor of heaven and earth” = **POSSESSION**

“Delivered your enemies into your hand” = **DOMINION**

ELEVATION
POSSESSION
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Genesis 14:18–20 (CSB) *Melchizedek ... brought out bread and wine; he was a priest to God Most High.*

Galatians 3:13–14 (CSB) *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us¹⁴ The purpose was that **the blessing of Abraham** would come to the Gentiles by Christ Jesus, so that we could receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

If you’ve been stuck in confusion...

- If you've been overthinking...
- If you've been afraid to move...
- This is your moment.
- Not to figure everything out.

⇒ But to trust God with your next step.

AND... THAT STARTS WITH **JESUS!**