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It never occurred to them that things wouldn't go as planned.

God often moves us to places we do not expect to go.

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Retreat and walk away from God's leading.
They never would have made it to the place God had for them.

Being assured that God is still leading.

Even when he doesn't understand what God is doing.

Life might not look anything like you thought it would.
Exodus 13
1 The Lord said to Moses,
2 “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal.”

CONSECRATE - which means "sanctify" which means to be "set apart" or to be "dedicated to a higher purpose."

2 Timothy 1:8-9
8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord or about me His prisoner, but with me take your share of suffering for the gospel [continue to preach regardless of the circumstances], in accordance with the power of God [for His power is invincible], 9 for He delivered us and saved us and called us with a holy calling [a calling that leads to a consecrated life—a life set apart—a life of purpose], not because of our works [or because of any personal merit—we could do nothing to earn this], but because of His own purpose and grace [His amazing, undeserved favor] which was granted to us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago],
1 Corinthians 1:2
2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

Hebrews 13:12 (NASB95)
12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth:
I'm so thankful to have grown up in a home where there was a sense of the joy and the blessing of being set apart for God. I can remember the sense that my parents gave us that when there were things that we couldn't do that everybody else could do, and we moaned or groaned about that, the sense we got was, You don't belong to everybody else. You belong to God. You have been set apart for His use.

I learned early on that to be set apart for God is not a punishment. It's not an attempt on God's part to deprive us or to condemn us to this cheerless, joyless lifestyle that is what people often think of as Christianity.

To be set apart for God is a priceless privilege.
What does that mean – I can’t hang out with sinners? Absolutely not it doesn’t mean that!
Jesus loved sinners. He ate meals with them, He hung out with them but He never allowed His life to become contaminated by the corruption of sinful flesh.

He was separated from the world, separated from sin, set apart for God and set apart for righteousness.

And when we are called to be holy, we are called to be set apart as Jesus was. Set apart from this world and set apart to belong to a holy God.

Joshua 3:5 Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

"My greatest concern as a pastor is that people can go to church every week of their lives and never go all in with Jesus. They can follow the rules but never follow Christ. I'm afraid we have cheapened the gospel by allowing people to buy in without selling out. We have made it too convenient, too comfortable."
Matthew 5:14–16
14 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 16:24  Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

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