Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone

To receive your blessing you must follow the cloud like the children of Israel. Every morning they would check to see if the sun was moving and, if so, they would pack up and follow it. To be in God's will you must be willing to step out and follow God's leadings. But just because you were offered something (example: a very good job) it does not mean that you should instinctively accept it. You must always seek your Father's will and only move if He is in it. No matter how good the offer, unless your heart is at peace with it, say no.

Ask, "Am I in my place of His blessing?" The place where God wants you to be is where you will realize His greatest blessing. Don’t try and measure His blessing by materialistic things. His greatest blessings are internal rather than external.

When you are in your place of blessing you will have peace and fulfillment. You may be exhausted, but you will be filled with purpose and joy as you serve Him. There is a big difference between being "burned out" and being tired for God. If you are burned out, you are living in your own strength and focusing on self. If you are tired for God, you are living in His strength and focused on Him and others.

1 Kings 17:3, 4 = It was up to Elijah to get to that place - the brook Cherrith; but that is where God promised to supply his needs. If he hadn't gone to the brook, the ravens would have brought the food but he would not have been there to receive the blessing.

Pay attention to what you are feeling in your heart. Follow the cloud to find your place of blessing. He will bless you in ways you have not even thought of. God has a specific place in mind for you and that is where you will find His greatest blessing. Be focused on Him at all times. What helped Elijah to be focused was the great adversity he was in. The same is true of David. David spent 10 years living in a cave and running from King Saul, but that was all part of God's leading in his life. The cave is where He continued to grow closer and closer to the Father he adored. When you are in the right place, you will be blessed by God.

Get out of your comfort zone and take a risk for God. He has a blessing, but you have to go to the place where He wants you to be blessed. When you follow His leading you will know it is right and then dare to step out and take that risk. Follow the cloud for your life. The old song says, "Trust & Obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey."

One day the brook dried up, so God told Elijah to go and live with the widow. Elijah was willing to follow God's leading and go where God wanted him to go. That turned
out to be the hometown of his worst enemy. Pharos’s wife’s father was the high priest in Zerraphath.

When the brook dries up, follow the cloud of God to the next place He has for you. If He desires to move you, step out in obedience and go to His next place of blessing.

The anointing goes from the leader down to the people below. God uses leaders to influence those down below. The influence of a leader who has God anointing on his life, goes down and influences the lives of others below that leader. God's favor will be on you if you step out and go where He wants you to go. He can only bless you if you are willing to go to His place of His blessing.

Receive His blessing by faith and live as if you have received it. Elisha's job was to take care of Elijah. Elisha knew that he would get a double portion of the anointing Elijah had if he stayed close to him. Elisha was faithful and received a double portion because he stayed near Elijah.

God will lead you and guide you and you will live the life of victory He has for you if you will step out and go to His place of blessing.

“I will follow Thee, my Savior, Where-so-ever my lot may be. Where Thou goest I will follow; Yes, my Lord, I’ll follow Thee. I will follow Thee, my Savior, Thou didst shed Thy blood for me; And though all men should forsake Thee, By Thy grace I’ll follow Thee.” (James Lawson Elginburg, 1886)