



# U TURNS PERMITTED

**ACTS 9:1-2; 24:14-16  
JOHN 14:1-7**

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Thoughts to Ponder

1. In Genesis 12:1, God asks Abram to leave everything that is familiar and follow Him to an undisclosed destination. With no further information given, Abram trusts God and heads out to restart his life.
  - a. If you are one of the many in this area who have come from faraway, please share a few details with a particular emphasis on how your relocation was both like and unlike Abram's.
  - b. Most folks who relocate do so in step with the changing seasons of their work or health. Explain how you do or don't relate to this.
  
2. After 400 years in Egypt, the Israelites had squandered their special relationship with the Lord God Almighty; in essence, they no longer knew who they really were.
  - a. Who and what were your primary influences as a child? As an adult?
  - b. When did your faith journey begin and how has it progressed, if at all?

3. The focus of Saul's life changed dramatically in the years following his encounter with the risen Christ on the Damascus Road.
  - a. If you have become a Christian, how is your life now different? What further changes would like to embody?
  - b. The early Christians were called "Followers of the Way" – would people say that name could be properly applied to you? If not, why not?
  
4. Have you ever sensed that you were headed down a dead-end street spiritually?
  - a. Were you tempted to stay the course? In what ways?
  - b. What/who opened your faith eyes to see that you really needed to make a U turn?
  - c. How hard was it to reverse course?
  - d. Please describe your life before and after you made this about face.

