

SCCC – MY JOURNEY HOME

S - Scriptures

“Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. “ Numbers 7: 22

C – Consideration

The Israelites were heading to the Promised Land. The Tabernacle was finished, the Levitical priesthood established by its laws and regulations. The information concerning timing for traveling was very challenging. “At the LORD’s command they encamped, and at the LORD’s command they set out. They obeyed the LORD’s order, in accordance with His command through Moses. Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out.” They were in the desert, living in tents, carrying their belongings, and with the responsibility to set up and dissemble the Tabernacle. Definitely, the best way to travel was to as carry little weight as possible.

C – Commitment

Every time I read this passage in the Bible, it challenges me. The event clearly shows how God was in control to direct the Hebrews and how they were responding in obedience to the overwhelmed task of moving on in the desert. As Christians, the Scriptures repeatedly remind us that we have to think like the Israelites heading to the Promised Land. We are called: Foreigners and exiles by Peter. Jesus told his followers that He was going to prepare a place in His Father’s house and would come back to bring them home. Peter also said that Christians are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. Therefore, I should make sure that the house I live in, and everything I have on this earth can’t burden my soul. I have to consider them as something disposable, as temporary tents and disposable possessions. Compared to the final residence, my earthly assets are junk. The Bible says that our final destination can’t be described because of its wonders, “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him.”

C – Call

My God, I pray this morning to be delivered any form of idolatry in my heart, particularly greed. I pray that Your Word will open my understanding to think not as a lord of my life, but as an alien and an obedient servant in a journey to meet my Master. Open the eyes of my brethren in the world who are walking with me to our eternal home. Open our ears to hear, to obey, and to follow the commands of our Leader, the Holy Spirit who is taking us there. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.