



Title: Leave

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Text: Gen 12:1-8

Synopsis: Some things are easy to walk out on: a bad movie, bad meal, bad job, bad relationship, but leaving one's place of origin it typically not one them. Even if there are negative experiences, it's usually very difficult to leave the place where you grew up. After all, it's the country, culture and community that you have grown accustomed to. It's what we know and love.

But inevitably, faith is about leaving the land of our fathers. Maybe not physically, for many of us have lived our entire lives a few blocks away from where we grew up. But emotionally and spiritually we need to leave the land of our father and begin our own adventure with God.

But sadly, many of us never leave and the adventure never begins. We remain in our father's faith, our father's favor, or even our father's dysfunction. In short, we choose to live in our father's land and not in our heavenly Father's land.

Abraham found himself in just such a scenario. After his own father dies, God tells him to leave his country, his culture and his community to seek a city whose builder and maker is God. Each one of us is to seek that city as well. Each one of us, at some point, needs to leave the land of our fathers and live the adventure God has called us to live. Are you ready to leave? God's calling us out.