

REFLECTION

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Genesis 12:1-4

Abram is told by the LORD: "Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to a land that I will show you." Similarly, Lent is a time for being gently but strongly instructed, "Go." This entails deeper introspection and responding to a call to go places you would not ordinarily visit.

Abram is now 75 years old. He is established; he has a past, habits, attachments, and perhaps grounds to say, "Now is not the time." Nonetheless, the wording is stunningly straightforward: "Abram went, as the Lord told him." There was no argument, no negotiation, and no delay. Remember that God does not provide Abram with a map, timeline, or destination. This is more than just a geographical tour; rather, it is spiritual in nature. Abram is being challenged to abandon what is familiar, comfortable, and secure to entrust himself completely to God. That is the central theme of Lent. In this passage, faith means trusting God's orders rather than understanding everything.

God's call always demands that you leave something behind. Abram had to leave behind his farm, family, and security—everything that characterized his identity. However, it is vital to remember that God did not take these things away from Abram to devalue him. Instead, God empties him to bless him. He says: "I will make of you a great nation... I will bless you... and through you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed." This text leads us to a basic, personal question: What is God asking me to leave behind? And where does God invite me to trust Him enough to take the next step?