

# Monologue – Abram

*Genesis 12:1-3*

Last night I had a vision. It came to me suddenly, unexpectedly. I had nowhere to turn, nowhere to hide. Its message penetrated deeply. I am still in awe. This God said, I remember clearly, “Abram, go. Leave this country, your people, your father’s household, and go to the land I will show you.”

What is God wanting from me? I have no reason to leave. We live on my father’s land. We’re established here. The animals finally have pasture. Water’s finally accessible. My household is happy. It would be ridiculous to move.

In a real struggle I fought with God last night. I don’t want to go. My home, my security is here. I know no other place. Yet, this God calls me to an unknown, unnamed land.

I fear the enemy. Who’s out there? In whose land will we walk? In whose land will we settle? I cannot trust the stranger. I cannot want to live in a strange land. Yet, God calls me to go.

I argued strongly, wanting explanation, wanting answers, guidance, direction, something, anything to hold on to! I stood perplexed and I felt misunderstood. I demanded angrily: “How? Why? Why me? Who are you to demand this of me? Why should I leave everything I know? Why should I leave my neighbours, my friends, all the people I love? Where will you be?!”

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

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