

I'm Leaving You! **Gen. 12.1-12**

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There is a promise that awaits Abraham, but he cannot inherit that promise until he leaves where he is.

Twenty three years ago I was sitting in the car while my wife was on one of those fifteen minute trips into a store. It was the cheapest store in town and we could barely afford that. I sat there complaining to the Lord about all the things that weren't going right for me and what I had hoped He would do. He spoke to my heart these words..."some things only happen when you reach the Promised Land".

As I was preparing to move here to start CRC, I knew exactly what He meant. I knew that some moving was required in order for me to inherit certain things. They simply were not God's will for where I was at that time.

Abraham's only hope for change would rest in his willingness to move out, move up and move on. The move would be more than just a new house. There was much he would have to forsake in order to place himself in a posture to receive from God.

The end of a year is a moving on. It is a forsaking. It is a forgetting. It is a conscious decision to move. If you take 2011 into 2012 it will cause 2012 to look the same as 2011. But if you truly forsake it, only taking with you the lessons learned you may actually transform next year into a discovery of promise fulfilled like you have never known.

1. Abraham had to leave the pseudo security of Haran.

- He would have to leave the family business and properties
- He would have to leave the comfort of "knowing"
- He would have to leave what he thought was going to happen!

Haran meant parched or dry. The place before the promise is likely the most parched place!

2. He would have to leave the people of Haran.

- He would have to leave his Dad

Tera's name means wild goat or wanderer or loiterer!

- He would have to leave his friends
- He would only take those who were in covenant into the promise!

3. Abraham would have to leave Abraham!

- Your year was what it was because of you.
- You can't go with you into the next year
- New Years Eve is a good time for a break up!