

Romans 4:13

“For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through law but through the righteousness of faith.”

Something to Think About:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself I hope that I will never do anything apart from my desire to please you. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. **Thomas Merton, “Thoughts in Solitude”**

The Right Road:

What did Abraham follow? Did he hear a voice and obey? Was it more like a deep intuition telling him his future was in a distant land unknown to him? Or were things so bad at home that he had to leave and find his own place in the world?

We look suspiciously at people who say they hear voices. Yet how many times have we heard, “I just had a feeling I should do this?” The Spirit finds ways to speak to us, or perhaps I should say in us.

However, the Spirit spoke to Abraham, he followed the voice on an unlikely journey to a place he’d never seen, trusting God’s promise that blessing would come if he’d only follow. I doubt he saw many signs, trail markers, as he trudged along looking for his new home; but his life is a trail marker for us, showing us the right way, the way of faith. He did not know what each day would bring or where he was going. He simply put one foot ahead of the other, trusting that God was guiding him and would fulfill the promise, even on days it didn’t seem likely.

Prayer:

Grant us the hope that trusts you even when we are lost and alone and don’t know where we are going. Amen