

Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

“We lift our eyes to the hills; and
find help coming from the Lord.” AMEN!

What would you say, what if the Lord said today
Go from this place, I’ll show you the way

The Lord, with the promise of a
blessing and great name

Would you leave current comforts to do the same?

For that was what Abram did
At 75 years young, he and Sarai...
Began an adventure... a future
With only the limit of sky

My answer to God, if God were to ask me
Would not have be so willing
Life’s ok here, it’s pretty fulfilling

But Abram went with a lot of trust
Sarai and he went through desert and dust
And famine, so we can look back and examine
Their amazing faith that began when the Lord saith

Which is the true miracle... that
God came to humans or
That God gave us a choice?

With a gentle voice and a partner to share

What if the calling from God was easier to bear

It's therefore that first step we take

With others, not alone we go,

with another's advice

for less chance of mistake

It's another benefit of belonging to a loving community

We share the journey, help with one another's load

Laughing and crying, sometimes we're overflowed

To find how important we are to one another - human, sister,
brother

As God shows us the way to be bold and then go

To different places in order to grow

Traveling by day and by night

We search for wisdom and purpose

Search for holy light

What if the blessing is not for ourselves only

But for the world to not be lonely

I suppose that was what Nicodemus was doing

When he went out at night, he too, was pursuing

Someone to answer, someone to save
Could it be Jesus, showing him a God who forgave?

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, learned and good,
Just like we strive to be... ought to be... should

He lived by the rules and judged other's behavior
Nicodemus went to Jesus not expecting a Savior

He had watched Jesus say and do the unexplained

Jesus had to come from God,
but there were these other things

So Nic went at night, wondering
was God cutting strings

God loving the world was a blessing
Did that mean the unclean, surely Jesus was jesting

Nic, like many today, was
afraid to know God in that way

Stuck, visiting at night and in confusion

Jesus was troubling, hard to understand
Like God's call to Abram to leave his land

Not just about leaving but going to be a blessing
Lift up eyes, knowing you are kept and that help was coming

Jesus' words about being born anew
Can be confusing, painful and yet still true

We know firsthand, life without God, is shifting sand

Today we learn the meaning of "having eternal life"
Not something in heaven or hell

Eternal life with us now... even in a world of strife
Here in this place and out there too

God call us to see Jesus... making all things new.

AMEN!