

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
August 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9 † Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 † Luke 12:32-48

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By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go . . . not knowing where he was to go.



All of life is a journey, but there are times when we know we are called to change, to move on, to take a new road. And yet we seldom know where the road will lead us and exactly which direction to take. Does this sound familiar? Doesn't it ring true to our current situation in religious life today? Or the crisis of global warming? Or the plight of immigrant people? As well as the ways to welcome and support those seeking asylum? Or perhaps a shift in our thinking about racism or the implications of the

Universe Story in our lives? Change is needed but the decisions about how to proceed are not always clear. Yet it is important to take the first steps in the direction we believe we are called and allow the journey to unfold.

For Abraham, the call to go to a new land involved a major change for the entire family. They journeyed in tents across unknown lands to alien territory. All the while not knowing where they were to go, but believing that God was leading them to a new homeland. And although Abraham died before reaching the destination, his faith enabled him to keep in mind the promise of a better future for his descendents. May he be a model for all of us.

One thing is certain as we journey – God is with us every step of the way, providing what is needed and often at a time we least expect. Let us pray that all who journey in search of new possibilities will be attentive to the presence of God guiding and offering love and support. And let us sing together with all who journey:

*Tho' I cannot see the end for me,
I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts on the way:
This journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone.
The journey makes us one.*

Taken from *Jerusalem, My Destiny* by R. Cooney