

Surrendering Self

Shalom,

Now ADONAI said to Avram, “Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father’s house, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3 CJB)

This portion of scripture which is found in **Genesis 12:1—17:27** is called “**Lech-lecha,**” which are Hebrew words meaning, “**go**”, or “**leave**”, or more accurately, “**Go for yourself,**” or might be “**Go forth from yourself.**” If we are to be directed by God, or led by the Holy Spirit, we may not always understand the direction that He is giving us, and many times we will experience a level of discomfort in what He requires. Leaving “**self**” behind is, perhaps the most difficult thing we are called to do, and this must have been a difficult time for Abram to leave his home, his homeland, his family, his friends, and his familiar surroundings, to go forth to a higher place and a high calling of the Almighty God, for he had no natural way to understand the plan that YHWH had for him, nor what had to happen to cause the promises God had given him to manifest. To use popular terminology, Abram had to leave his “comfort zone.” You can surely see that Abram had to lay “**self**” on the altar.

Abram could never have known, at that crucial time, that his obedience to the call of God would result in fulfilments that are still in process today. Abram obeyed God and launched forth from his comfort zone. He left old ways and understanding behind. His obedience was not just physically leaving Ur of the Chaldees; His journey involved a new way of thinking and a new level of trusting God.

Then he believed in Adonai and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6 TLV)

The beginning of all of God’s blessing to Abram was only available to him through trusting obedience, and that blessing is for all his children — that is, for all who walk in that same, selfless trusting that produces obedience.

*For this reason it depends on trust, so that the promise according to grace might be guaranteed to all the offspring—not only to those of the Torah but also to those of the faith of Abraham. **He is the father of us all.** (Romans 4:16 TLV)*

No longer will your name be Abram, but your name will be Abraham, because I make you the father of a multitude of nations. (Genesis 17:5 TLV)

God began to call Abram by the name Abraham in these verses to bring about the plans and purpose He had for him to be **the father of many nations**, or **the father of us all**. In the same way, when we **yield ourselves** and are willing to **separate ourselves to what God calls us, from**

old ways and comfortable surroundings, we can manifest the new creation that we already have become by grace and trust in the blood of Yeshua.

People are often afraid and uncertain to leave their old way of doing things, not realizing that those habits, traditions, social settings, and friendships, are weights that hold them back from the awesome, exciting way of the Living God. The anointed direction and teaching of the Holy Spirit is the only way

*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness? What harmony does Messiah have with Belial? Or what part does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement does God's Temple have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God—just as God said, “I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate,**” says Adonai. **“Touch no unclean thing. Then I will take you in. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,”** says Adonai-Tzva’ot. (2 Corinthians 6:14-18 TLV)*

When you meditate and allow the Holy Spirit to quicken your thinking, you will see that not only obvious worldly affiliations are to be avoided, but also **anything that inhibits your growth and causes you to hold to the old natural way of seeing and doing things.** Doctrinal compromises cannot but affect the way you think and hold you back from experiencing all that the Father has ordained for you in a life of faith in the spirit.

Coming out from your **old self** to newness of life does require leaving your comfort zone, but know this, **God has a place of comfort in Christ that far exceeds anything you could ever experience in your old nature.** Let God direct you by the Holy Spirit and allow Him to set you in His Body as it pleases Him.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; (John 14:16 KJV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9 TLV)

In Messiah's love
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