

Lenten

Reflections



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Scripture

Genesis 17

When Abram prostrated himself, God spoke to him:

“My covenant with you is this:

you are to become the father of a host of nations.

No longer shall you be called Abram;

your name shall be Abraham,

for I am making you the father of a host of nations.

I will render you exceedingly fertile;

I will make nations of you;

kings shall stem from you.

I will maintain my covenant with you

and your descendants after you

throughout the ages as an everlasting pact,

to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

I will give to you

and to your descendants after you

the land in which you are now staying,

the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession;

and I will be their God.”

God also said to Abraham:

“On your part, you and your descendants after you must keep my covenant throughout the ages.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Think about it: It all began with God calling a wandering nomad to be the instrument of His blessings to the ends of the earth. Amazing. God often seems to call the weak, the non-brilliant, the less than perfect people to do His good work. Do you ever think that God has called you? Well, He has.

Food for your Journey

The call to discipleship from Jesus is disconcertingly direct, and it usually catches us unawares. ... The call is to become one of his disciples; and the more we learn about this man ... the more we find that his invitation to discipleship leaves nothing in doubt, yet everything open.

--David Lowes Watson, *Covenant Discipleship: Christian Formation through Mutual Accountability* (Wipf & Stock, Publishers), 2002, 1-2.

Prayer from the Heart

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen. -- St. Ignatius Loyola

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