



# REFLECTIONS

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**So Abram left, as the Lord had told him... Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.**

*Genesis 12:4*

## Adventure

*The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." (Genesis 12:1) Now stop there.*

Imagine you are 75-year old Abram (to be renamed Abraham,) and God tells you to leave the place you know and all the people you love to trustingly, but blindly embark on an adventure into a place unknown. Would you do it? Are you adventurous enough to consider it? Do you trust God enough to follow him to a place He will show you?

In reviewing my own life, I find God's hand on the wheel. He often nudges me in new directions, usually little more than course corrections. Sometimes though, He pulls the plug and drains the pool to make way for new ideas just as He did with Abram. It feels like God tossed me into the drained pool without letting me know He has refilled it and taught me how to swim.

Abram may have found the same truth as he embarked on his God directed adventures. He chose to go where God told him to go without knowing anything about the destination. Now like Abram, I feel called to a new but relatively brief adventure too.

Today's *Reflections* marks the midpoint of the 16th year of these writings. The writing adventure has been just that, and it still is. At first for me, the *Reflections* venture felt like a bold, unusually risky undertaking that could expose both my intellectual limitations and questionable writing skills. Probably these weekly pieces have done both; yet your encouraging responses keep the fires burning. It has been, and is, all God's doing. The times through the years I have struggled with the message are traceable to my inclination to draw on my own thoughts and resources; but God is always there to provide the material.

Weekly *Reflections* will continue, but next week will begin a series of repeat or refreshed *Reflections* while I undertake the adventurous side-trip I feel called to pursue. While I leave open the possibility of an original piece from time to time, for a few months *Reflections* may have a familiar ring for veteran followers.

Now, during this brief adventure away from my established routines, I ask your prayers for the wisdom and courage to follow God's guidance and to serve his will.

I only pray that I will not lose my faith nor sense of purpose for the adventure.

*You are the light of the world,*

**Richard +**

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