

## *Called From—Called To*

*“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee” (Genesis 12:1).*

An urgent message came for one of my students to come immediately to his house. His wife had become very ill, and she and the family desperately needed him. He explained his dilemma, gathered up all his class materials, left the classroom, and went to his residence. Thankfully, following a brief stay in the hospital his wife began her physical recovery, and he was back in class the next week.

After a time of prayer for them that morning, I continued on with the class lecture. But the thought of him being called *from* the class *to* her side kept crossing my mind. You see, that is how God calls us. He interrupts our circumstances and calls us *from* the world *to* Himself. He calls us *from* the old life *to* a new life. He calls us *from* a life of selfishness *to* a life of blessedness.

When the Lord called Abram, He said, “Get thee . . . from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee.” He was called *from* one land *to* another land. He was called *from* his family *to* another family, the family of God. He was called *from* the worship of false gods *to* the worship of the true God. This is all so applicable to our lives.

*Like Abraham, we are called from what we do know to what we do not know!* Abraham was very familiar with idolatry, the appearance of the idols and what they represented. He was not familiar, however, with the living God. But he was called from what he did know to what he did not know so he could begin to really know Him. The Lord calls us from our fleshly world to His spiritual world to bring us to the knowledge of Himself.

*Like Abraham, we are called from what we can see to what we cannot see!* The attraction of idolatry is that it offers gods that are visible. But Abraham was called from these visible objects to follow the invisible God. He was called from what he could see to what he couldn’t see so he could begin to really see Him. This is the same life to which we are called, a life of spiritual enlightenment, “seeing Him Who is invisible” (Heb. 11:27).

*Like Abraham, we are called from what we can touch to what we cannot touch!* The patriarch was to forsake tangible idols and embrace the intangible God. He was called from what he could touch to what he couldn’t touch so he could begin to really touch Him. The blessed truth, dear friends, is that we are called to genuine faith in Christ that we may touch and experience the reality of God. How wonderful!