

Thoughts on the Daily Word

12th Week of Year. Monday 23rd June. Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 32; Matthew 7:1-5.

We are given an image of the journey of faith. Always it is rooted in that of Abram, or Abraham as he was later called. The advanced civilisation of Mesopotamia represents everything that is attractive, shelter, safety, and sustenance. All with a reliable religious system that held this early civilisation together. Why would you leave this? We don't know why, except that Abram felt called to move out into the dangerous and unknown. God gives him a vision, bit by bit, and he learns to trust this God of his. Just as we learnt yesterday in the Gospel, we need to be focused, with our eyes on where God is calling us. This allows Jesus to rest and sleep, and it allows Abram to begin this dangerous adventure. Our Gospel today tells us that we need to take the planks out of our eyes if we are to follow Christ. Focusing on the judgment of others obscures our vision. Focusing on Christ clears the way and allows God to use us like he did Abraham.