

Genesis 12: 1-9

Nomads travel light

In the Gospel, Nicodemus is reticent to move out of his way of life into a new way of being

Look at Psalm 121...Going out and coming in Think in terms of a litany with the people. Wolf, 18 receiving a telegram that his parents were killed and taking the train through the mountains back for their funerals

We are a nomadic people even though it takes more than one camel to move us. Lenten journey – saying goodbye to something and looking for something more – embracing our dark side – Beattle's – some say goodbye and I say hello –

Leaving badly – leaving well has to do with embracing the journey. Where we cannot embrace the journey we cannot leave well. Saying goodbye is very different when you are saying hello to something new.

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Abraham had a contract but all contracts are acts of faith, yet Abrahams faith was credited to him as righteousness as is it for us all. God calls us through this journey in Lent to something better – step out on the journey – the blessing is in the journey.

John 3: 1-17

We see Nicodemus grow from coming in the night to bringing 75 pounds of spices to the tomb.

“Forgiveness is giving up all hope of a better past”

Tension between justification and sanctification is that it's not okay to say I am what I am and that's as good as it gets. There is a huge difference between living in the past and embracing one's past. Your past makes you who you are but God has redeemed that past, purified it and uses it.