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On Dutch television there is a program with the name: I depart. It is a program about people who leave the Netherlands and want to built up a new life abroad. They buy a farm or restaurant. It is a big decision. You leave your house, your family, your colleagues. And you are not sure about what the future will bring.

When you see this program you can admire these people or laugh when they make stupid mistakes.

The story about Abram is also a story about a departure. But it is different. Abram does not know where he will come. He departs because God calls him.

The difference is that this is Gods plan, not his plan.

The history before this chapter in Genesis tells us about the human beings who did injustice. It was a terrible situation. And God had to destroy the earth by water. And after that the people build a tower to show what human beings are capable of. A bad plan and bad situation again.

So God made his own plan to make a better world.

He called Abram. God wanted to start with one nation to bring blessings to the world. Abram had to be an example and blessing for the whole world.

We can be happy that God wants to make a new plan.

God choses two persons who are old. We think: a bad plan. Two persons who are old and they have no children. But God choses people who do not have any future. God has plans with them.

God choses persons we would not chose.

He can engage you in His plans. God can use everyone!

And what is His plan?

He wants to bless you!

And He wants to make you a blessing for other persons!

Your life will flourish when He blesses you. And He can use you to let other people flourish.

You can see this in the story of Joseph. God blesses Joseph. And Joseph is a blessing (Genesis 39,5) for other people in prison and later for all the people in Egypt and other countries.

God blesses Abram and he will be a blessing. Later one of the sons of Abraham is Jesus Christ.

The promises of God came to fulfilment in Jesus Christ. He is a blessing for the whole world.

When we believe in Him we are a son of Abraham and can be a blessing for others.

You can read about this in Galatians 3, 7-8 en 13-14.

Why believe in Jesus? He took the curse we deserved away. Praise Him!!

This means that we can be a blessing.

Do you want to answer the call of God and give up all your certainties and trust in God and be a blessing?

This is a challenge. When we see how christians are a blessing, we want to belong to the church, we are called to believe in Jesus and this will change our lives: blessing, belonging, believing and behaving.

So the question now is: do you want to be a well of blessing for others. Maybe that they discover the origin of your blessings!