

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.”
Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)

We open today with a verse that speaks of deep faith and unquestioning obedience to God's call. The writer of Hebrews reminds us about Abraham and the faith he had to follow where God asked him to go. Abraham left everything he knew and was familiar with to go on a journey to somewhere which he didn't actually know at the time.

How often do we feel God's call to do something and then because it seems like there is no final destination, or at least not one we can see, we are unwilling to take that first step? It's difficult to do things when we don't know what we are doing, where we are going, or how long it will take. As humans we want to know things, believe we are in control, think that we know best...but that isn't always true. However much we know, there will always be someone who knows more. However much we can do, whether it be writing, painting or any other skill, there will always be someone who is more skilled in that area. And This is a good thing. If we don't let it make us jealous of their skills, it can keep us humble as we know that theres always more to strive for and God made us to grow.

If we can remember that there are other humans better than us that we can strive to be like and be happy to take a step towards that, even if it ultimately as an individual our style is completely different, but not be certain how that step will turn out when combined with our own personal gifts and talents, then shouldn't we trust God even more that when He asks us to take a step in any given direction, that it will all turn out OK? We aren't all asked to take such a dramatic step as Abraham was, we may just basked to change our favourite soup brand, or buy a more ethical chocolate bar, possibly even support local businesses and be willing to pay more to do so rather than pay for the cheaper alternatives, or give money to a charity.

Today, and I'm speaking to myself here as well, I want to remind us all to open to God's calling...in the big scary stuff as well as the little things that we may forget to take notice of.

Pray;

Lord, who calls your children onto a path that is good for us, please help us to be awake to your leading of our steps through the big things and the small. We bring you all the things for which we struggle to let go and move on. We want to continue along the paths you have set for our lives and ask for forgiveness for not being able to let go of the habits, relationships and general 'stuff' that keeps us tied in place. We giver you all these roadblocks now and ask for your guidance in overcoming them Amen.