

Walk the road
Where blessings aren't just gifts
But also opportunities

Abram and Sarai walked into a journey. They had no map to give directions. They had no Bible to lead the way. They weren't following a star. They were led by a promise. God told them that they would have land, offspring and be a blessing to the world. Brian McClaren states that they made the road by walking.

It might seem that the road came to an end before the journey was over. When Abram died, he had some land. It was a gravesite. He had offspring, one child. The journey began with Abram and Sarai, but it continues today. The road begins when we step onto our journey of faith.

Like Abram and Sarai, we are invited to follow God as we make our road. Like Abram and Sarai, we will receive blessings along the way. These blessings won't come to us because we are privileged. They won't be given to us because we are better loved than others. They will not be given because we are more moral or faithful than others. We will receive them so that like, Abram and Sarai, we can be blessings to others.

We are invited to another road, too. On this road, we are taught that blessings are for ourselves. We are taught that we deserve these blessings because we are better, more moral or more faithful than others. We are taught God loves us more than others. This road is a deception. It invites us to think only of our own good, to keep our blessings and hoard what God has given us. It entices us to believe that we have earned these blessings for our own use.

The walk of Abram and Sarai shows us that the road of God calls us to be a blessing to others. Blessings are gifts, and we are given them to join God in blessing others. Brian McClaren reminds us that God's road is a road of blessings economy. Blessings are given so that blessings can be shared.

This Week:

1. Look for ways that you can be a blessing to others.
2. What blessings has God given you that you can share?
3. What blessings might you be hoarding?

(Thoughts provoked by Brian McClaren's weekly devotional, **We Make The Road By Walking.**)