

HONEY from the ROCK

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Genesis
12:1

Abraham, our father,
Was simply told to leave.

*Go forth from your land and from your kindred
and even from your father's house.*

To the land that I will show you.

לְךָ לָךְ מֵאֶרֶץ וּמִבְּרִית אֲבִיךָ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֶרְאֶה

This is the setting out.

The leaving of everything behind.

Leaving the social milieu. The preconceptions.

The definitions. The language. The narrowed field
of vision. The expectations.

No longer expecting relationships, memories, words, or
letters to mean what they used to mean. To be, in a
word: Open.

If you think you know what you will find,
Then you will find nothing.

If you expect nothing,

Then you will always be surprised.

And able to bless the One who creates the world anew
each morning.

So it is with setting out on the path of liberation, leaving
everything.

He would even have to discover

The way he would discover

While he was on the way.

Of him it was said, *A man who set out and did not know
for which place he was destined.*

יֵשׁ אָדָם שֶׁהוֹלֵךְ רֹאיוֹ יֵרָצֶה לְאִמְרוֹת מָקוֹם הוּא הוֹלֵךְ

And then in the next generation Isaac had to set out with
his father

Take your son, your only son

קִרְיָא אֶת-בְּרִיךְ אֶת-יִצְחָק

As Abraham had to leave his father. Isaac must leave his