

**Like Father Like Son?  
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**Joshua 24:2**

...In olden times, your forefathers – Terach, father of Abraham and father of Nachor – lived beyond the Euphrates and worshipped many gods.	בְּעֵבֶר הַנְּהָר יָשְׁבוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם מֵעוֹלָם, תֶּרַח אָבִי אַבְרָהָם וְאָבִי נָחוֹר; וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ, אֶל־הַיָּם אֲחֵרִים.
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**Breishit 11:31**

Terach took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran's son), and his daughter-in-law Sarai (Abram's wife). With them, he left Ur Casdim, heading toward the land of Canaan. They came as far as Charan and settled there.	וַיִּקַּח תֶּרַח אֶת-אַבְרָם בְּנוֹ, וְאֶת-לוֹט בֶּן-הָרָן בֶּן-בְּנוֹ, וְאֶת שָׂרִי כַלְתּוֹ, אִשְׁת־אַבְרָם בְּנוֹ; וַיֵּצְאוּ אֹתָם מֵאוּר כַּשְׁדִּים, לְלַקֵּת אֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן, וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד-חָרָן, וַיֵּשְׁבוּ שָׁם.
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**Breishit 12:1**

G-d said to Abram, "Go away from your land, from your birthplace, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you."	וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-אַבְרָם, לֵךְ-לְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ וּמִמּוֹלַדְתְּךָ וּמִבֵּית אָבִיךָ, אֶל-הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר אֲרָאֶךָ.
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**Sforno Breishit 11:31**

This land was predisposed to bring about intellectual elevation and was more desirable than all other lands.	שהיתה מוכנת אל גרם המעלות במושכלות והיתה רצויה מכל הארצות.
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**Ibn Ezra Breishit 12:1**

G-d commanded Abram when he was still in Ur Casdim to leave his land and his birthplace and the home of his father. G-d knew that Terach after leaving to go to Canaan would settle in Charan.	השם צוה לאברהם ועודנו באור כשדים, שיעזוב ארצו ומקום מולדתו גם בית אביו. והטעם שידע השם, שתרה אחר שיצא ללכת אל ארץ כנען ישב בחרן.
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**Arugat Hobosem – quoted in Etz Chaim Breishit 11:31**

So often in life, we set out with the best of intentions, only to give up halfway to our goal.

**Ramban Breishit 12:1**

Charan is Abraham's country, and there is his birthplace, it having always been his father's country, and there Abraham was commanded to leave them.	חרן היא ארצו, ושם מולדתו, והיא ארץ אבותיו מעולם, ושם נצטוו לעזוב אותם
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