

Rethinking Your Path



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My beloved and I were out of town last week for some R & R. He has a

GPS practically built into his brain so I never pay attention to the way we go anywhere. I never know the road numbers or routes because I know he knows the way. (I need directions that include a big barn or a McDonalds.) On our way back home, we took small back roads because we weren't on a schedule.

We passed a town named "Morven". I blurted out, "I love you 'Morven' I used to!" Then I started singing songs substituting the word "Morven" for other things. (It's what I do.) He laughed.

We drove on for a few miles when he began to slow down. "You know, I don't think I ever remember a place called Morven." "Me, either!" I realized. He pulled to the side of the road. "I need to re-think this," he mumbled. Out came the phone. I clicked on the Maps app.

We were in a beautiful, rural area of North Carolina but it felt wrong. It

was unfamiliar and gave my beloved a sense that we were not on the right path. We were just barely off course. An assessment was made and we returned to the right road. We both smiled. It felt good knowing we were going in the right direction.

In John 16, Jesus was soon to go back to heaven-to stay. He tried to help His disciples prepare for that time, speaking of things they did not understand. In verse 12, He shared that He had more to tell them than they could bear at that time.

I try to picture the scene. These were Jesus' flesh and blood best buds, His posse, His brothers from another mother. They had seen life-changing, jaw-dropping miracles as they walked with Him each day. Now, after seeing Him crucified, buried, and risen from the dead, He was telling them He was leaving again. AGAIN? For real?! I get that whole "more than you can bear" part!

"It's for your good that I am going away," Jesus told them in John 16:7, "Unless I go away, the Advocate (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." As usual, He was thinking of what was best.

Then, Jesus declared, "But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will lead you into all truth..."

The Holy Spirit still works in many ways: giving wisdom to speak (Acts 6:10), power to speak (Acts 1:8), direction for ministry/evangelism (Acts 8:29), encourages (Acts 9:31), and re-directs paths (Acts 16:6).

Through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, we also know when we are on a wrong spiritual path. We do know it, feeling it in our bones. That's the time to stop, assess where we are and where we need to be. Through prayer and God's Word, He can show us the road to take. There is peace that comes in knowing we are on the right path!

"Morven" I can describe!

Seeds of Hope



Little Mary Beth was ill and unable to attend church. When her father went into her room to see how she was doing she asked, "What did the preacher preach about this morning?"

"God," was his response as he felt her forehead to see if she had a temperature.

"God?" she asked. "Was He our God?"

What a difference our makes! We worship Him because we belong to Him. More than our Creator, He is our Redeemer who, through the work of His Son on the cross, reclaimed us to become His very own!

Our worship leader wrote in Psalm 95:3 that "The Lord is a great God." As he continued

to write, he emphasized the fact that this God "is our God!" This God whom we worship is a personal God - our very own God. He wants us to understand the implications of this important fact: God has redeemed us - reclaimed us - through the work of His Son on the cross and we now belong to Him.

As he continues to write about our God, he draws a picture that illustrates our relationship to Him. He reminds us that "we are the people of His pasture and the flocks under His care." How very touching! Our God is the good shepherd who feeds His people in His pasture and protects them with His hand. But the picture does not end there. This picture only becomes complete when Jesus declared Himself as the "Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep."

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What Will We Leave Behind?

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In Hebrews 11:4, it is written, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

This is a very interesting passage of Scripture because it details for us only what we leave behind will be a witness for us when we stand before the Lord Jesus in Judgment. Sadly, all will leave a legacy, but what kind of legacy will depend upon where one goes at death. So, Abel, being murdered by his brother Cain, was buried in the ground, but by his previous manner of life, testified that he was righteous before God.

What an example this leaves for us. This is why it is said that "he being dead yet speaketh." This is the only way one can speak after death is by his former manner of life. Is Jesse James still speaking after 140 years? Is Hitler still speaking after 75 years? Then so is Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the saints of old. Even in my lifetime, I have memories of departed preachers who are still speaking to me through my memories of them. So, they have left a legacy for me to follow. This is my plan of life also. And I hope for you as well.

No, I don't wish to leave behind a legacy of a wife-beater, or a fornicator, or a drunkard, drug dealer, addict; for in Galatians 5:19-21, for within these verses where he mentions all these sins of the flesh, 17 in all, that anyone who commits such shall not in-

herit the Kingdom of God. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

So, Friends, you do not want any of these to be your legacy. What about the legacy of Judas Iscariot who betrayed the Lord for thirty pieces of silver? Does his legacy yet speak? The Scriptures tell us that the parents are to lay up for their children. So, what are you laying up, finances? Farms? Businesses? Etc? But, what about the more important one than this? What kind of a religious history are you attempting to lay up for them. We can do this as we ourselves attempt to live a life of faithful obedience. Remember, parents, you kids are watching you! Sadly, many will follow the pernicious ways of their parents. So, what are you leaving behind?

Someone once said, "Well, the apples don't fall too far from the tree!" This is true, either in good deeds or bad ones. Do you want your children to model their lives after you?

Someone has said many times, "Well, I teach my children to be honest, work hard, get a good education, develop a good career, etc." But, Friends, there is more to life than this for these are notable and worthy ambitions, but if this is all you are teaching them, then you will have failed to teach them about Heaven that will exist after the world is burned up by fire! Think about it! What are you leaving behind?

Call or visit with us soon. Time is swiftly passing away.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

JOHN 3:16

For **God** so **loved** the **world** that he **gave** his **one** and **only** **Son**, that whoever **believes** in **him** shall **not** **perish** but have **eternal life**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]
by Terry Stickels

Some trivia questions ...

- 1) What nation was the first to give women the right to vote?
- 2) How many appendages does a squid have?
- 3) Aphrodite was the goddess of love in Greek mythology. Who was the goddess of love in Roman mythology?
- 4) What is the only city in the world to lie on two continents?

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Cob Hill Cemetery

Flower Removal

Please remove all flowers except those on headstones and on shepherd's hooks from the ground at Cob Hill Cemetery before mid-July so that mowing may resume.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee
3. In which gospel does Jesus say the scripture cannot be broken? Matthew, Mark, Luke,

- John
 4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven
 5. Who was Jacob's firstborn as mentioned in Genesis 35? Reuben, Ehud, Joshua, Elah
 6. Zacchaeus climbed what type tree to see Jesus? Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Box
- Answers on bottom of Page 9**

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

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"I have a two-story house and a bad memory, so I'm up and down those stairs all the time. That's my exercise."
— Betty White

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