

The Road Less Traveled

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I'd like to frame today's message by reading a poem by Robert Frost, with is entitled

"The Road not Taken"

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

In this poem, the author ponders about a choice of travel, which the last stanza suggests, was in reality, a choice in the course of his life.

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

In Deuteronomy 30, beginning in verse 15 God also clearly declares that all of us must make a similar choice, as to deciding the course of our lives.

God says, in

15 *"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,*

16 *in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live.*

Verse 17 *But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them ,*

18 *I announce to you today that you shall surely perish*

Continuing in verses 19 and 20 God further states therefore

19 *"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that you may live"*

20 *And so that you should "love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life"*

Robert Frost called the road he chose, the road less traveled. At baptism, all of us, and all of the saints of God from the dawn of time, have made this same choice to adopt God's way of life, by choosing the road less traveled.

For when we stop to consider the tens, if not hundreds of billions of people that have lived and died over the course of the last 6000 years, God has called but a very few.

Jesus says in Matthew 7.13-14 that we must enter the Kingdom of God

13 "by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

As we are aware, the bible is replete with examples that the journey we have chosen to take will be a difficult one. One such example is found in Gen. 47.

Jacob stated in Gen. 47.9 that "The days of the years of his pilgrimage were one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."

Interestingly the Hebrew word translated as evil, is the same word used in Deut 30.15, which we read earlier, Where God states "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil..

The word means calamity, misery, or distress. Jacob was saying that his life's journey was not an easy one. Now is this a contradiction of the choice God gives us, setting before us life and good, death and evil?

Did Jacob make the wrong choice, regarding the course of his life? No not at all.

For as we read in **Acts 14.22** "*We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.*"

And as Jesus stated, the road to the kingdom will be difficult. The ultimate reward however, is more than worth whatever hardships, we must endure along the way.

God lays before all of us, this choice of life and death. And this choice when we stop to mediate on it, is profound. For the life God is offering us, is His life, eternal life, which is vastly superior to the life we now live in the flesh.

Let's turn to **1 John chapter 1**, and let's read the first several verses "

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Think about this profound statement for a moment. Eternal life, Godly life, was manifested, or made clearly visible to men. This statement could be a sermon onto itself. But in a nutshell, Jesus Christ lived a human life, in very same way, as He and the Father have lived for all eternity.

And it's this same way of life that we are commanded to emulate in the flesh as well. Continuing in verse 4.

4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

In chapter 2.25 the Apostle John reiterates why we should be filled with joy. He writes “

25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

Friends, do we fully comprehend the gift that God is offering us? Or do we too often, take our calling for granted? I believe what we all must do, is to fully comprehend the gift of eternal life that resides within us, through God's Holy Spirit.

For when we come to fully rap our minds around the incredible reality, that God wants to give us, then we will have the motivation to continue on the narrow and difficult road, the takes us their.

As the Apostle Paul stated in **Romans 8**.

18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”

And also in **1 Corinthians 2**.

9 “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

So when we read is these scriptures that God is telling us to choose between life and death, this is the most fundamental, and the most serious of any decision that a human being can make. For the alternative to eternal life, is eternal dead.

All of us have made this choice, to travel down the road less taken. And therefore, we must be mindful that God reminds us in His word, that there is no turning back. We are told to remember Lot's wife. Our only recourse is to continue to the end of the road, or perish along the way.

God gives us a history lesson, to drive this point home. The lesson of the nation of Israel, in their trek to the Promised Land. The first generation wandered in the wilderness, and died there, because they lacked the trust in God, and thus the fervent desire to enter the Promised Land.

They were afraid to enter, finding the challenges to great and difficult, for there were giants in the land. Friends, in the days and years ahead of us, we also will be confronted with extreme difficulties, perilous times are sure to come.

The lesson we learn from this, is that regardless of the challenges we may face, we must have the faith that God will see us through, all of it, if our hearts and minds are focused on Him.

The wilderness that Israel wandered in, was in reality a desert, a land devoid of water, and food for that matter.

Thus they were totally dependent upon God to sustain them. For the full 40 years, God guided them and sheltered the Israelites with a cloud by day, to protect them from the heat of the sun, and a pillar of fire by night, to keep them warm, and to remind them of His presence.

God also fed them with manna and gave them water to drink out of rocks of flint.

Likewise, with us. We are sojourning in a spiritual desert, a world which is almost totally devoid of Gods Spirit. It is a harsh and unforgiving world, and is sure to become even more perilous as we reach the end of the age.

So my friends, understanding this then, let's look at several points that if applied, will help us to stay the course, to continue on this road less traveled to journeys end into the Kingdom of God.

The first point that I feel is most important to fully comprehend, is that these 2 roads do not run parallel to each other, but rather lead in polar opposite directions.

And only the one road leads us out of the world.

When the Israelites left Egypt, they did not make a circle and go back there, although scripture does say, that in there hearts they never really left Egypt.

Physically speaking they traveled in the opposite direction away from Egypt. Same lesson is found with the story of Abraham, in which He left Ur and traveled due west to the promised land. The opposite can be shown with Cain, wherein he traveled due east to the land of Nod, which was completely in the opposite direction from Gods presence.

This understanding that these 2 roads, these 2 ways of life are diametrically opposed, and do not run parallel is a lesson that we must keep firmly fixed in our minds.

As Dave has often mentioned, the word repent, or repentance in it's fullest sense describes a complete change in the way we approach and live our lives. Instead of deciding for ourselves the way we should live our lives, at baptism we have made an eternal covenant with our Creator, that we will obey His voice, all day, every day.

As we read earlier in Deuteronomy 30.18 By excepting the terms of the covenant, we are thus obligated to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that we may inherit eternal live.

It is imperative that we remind ourselves that we have committed our lives to traveling on God's road, the Highway of Holiness as it is called in scripture, as opposed to the way of the world.

Another important lesson that we can glean from Israel's experience, is that we must continue to the end of the journey. It does us no good if we don't cross the Jordan, into the Promised Land. We either endure until the end, and make it into the kingdom, or we will die in the wilderness.

And so, in order to stay on the straight and narrow road, it is also imperative that we mediate deeply and often on the reality of the gift that is dwelling within us.

Turn with me please to **2 Corinthians 13.**

5, Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you are disqualified.

Friends, this is also a very profound statement of our reality. God is dwelling within us by and through His Holy Spirit. Do we honestly fully comprehend this incredible reality? Our Creator is living within us, in order to complete His creation of us!

Do we realize that our Heavenly Father is personally involved in each of our lives?

I want to share with you, a scripture that just recently jumped out at me. Turn please to John 6.45. I'm sure we are all familiar with verse 44, but until recently, I had always read right over the following verse.

John 6. 44-45

45 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

As David writes in **Psalms 119.102**

102 "I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me"

What an incredible truth, it is that God our Father personally teaches us and develops our spiritual understanding. Our responsibility is to draw near to God, and to give Him the personal time that is necessary to do so.

We might think of it as daily homework. Since we are all to become child like in our humility and yieldedness, we might consider bible study, like our personal homework, that we do daily with our Father in heaven.

Think about that the next time you open your bibles, and then ask our Father to open His word to you, to a greater degree. Just as David is recorded as doing in the Psalms.

For instance in **Psalms 25.4-5** He writes

4 "Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.

5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation;

In **Psalms 143.10**

10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

And 8 times in **Psalms. 119**, David pens such verses as **18**

18 "Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law"

David set's a great example that we should all emulate, of being eager to be taught by God, and develop His righteousness. The character that Christ manifested in the flesh. Living how God lives, in heaven on earth.

For indeed Heaven is coming to earth, the question is, do we love God enough to want to be apart of it?

Please turn with me to **Colossians 1**, beginning in verse **21**.

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Verse 26 - the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Friends, as we go about our daily lives, as we interact with other people, as we walk down this road to life, it's imperative that we are conscious of God's Spirit, the mind of Christ, and are actively using it, to guide and direct our thoughts and actions. For Romans 8, reminds us to do so.

Romans 8.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Jesus informs us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, as ambassadors of the Kingdom we should reflect a Christ like, positive influence on to others on a daily bases.

For just as salt adds flavor to food, we also should by God's Spirit within us, enhance the lives of those we come in contact with, as we are able to do so.

To help us to be cognizant of our responsibility to conduct ourselves in a Godly manner, I find it helpful to consider how the scriptures define the saints of God.

Or putting it another way, how the scriptures reveal, the way God views us.

1 Timothy 6.

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called.

In the NKJV the phrase "man of God" is used 74 times, in describing numerous Christians down through time.. Friends I believe it would be beneficial if we mediate on the fact, that we also should consider ourselves a man or woman of God. Not in a self promoting way, but rather to humbly mediate on the reality of our calling, as Paul also instructs Timothy to do.

Proverbs 27.7 supports this mindset as well, in stating *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”*

Now please don't take this the wrong way, I'm not saying we should walk around with a chip on our shoulder thinking we are holier than thou. Rather we should be mindful of the grace that has been given to us and humbly reflect God in our daily lives by our conduct, as a light shining in a dark and dying world.

So to reiterate what we have covered so far. All of us have made a choice to enter into the everlasting covenant with our Creator, whereas we have pledged to completely change the direction of how we were living our lives.

We have made the choice to travel on the road less taken, to choose eternal life, instead of eternal death, and thus to obey Gods voice in everything that we do for the duration of our lives. By which we are developing the mind of Christ within us, and thus emulating the eternal nature of God in our daily lives.

And thus it is our responsibility as a man or woman of God, to flee, or to walk in the opposite direction of our former course of life and rather to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. To fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called, as Paul instructed Timothy.

I'd like to turn now to Colossians 3, and read the first half of this chapter. For I consider it to be a beautifully composed passage that explains clearly and concisely, the manner in which we should be striving to live.

Colossians 3:

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Verse 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Notice the instruction is all encompassing regarding every facet of our lives. Friends, true discipleship is not a spectator sport. It involves a complete and total commitment to living a Godly life.

As we have covered earlier, our part of the covenant agreement is a complete change from the way we formally were living. A complete change in our very nature, in order to fully attain to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

We find this statement recorded in Ephesians chapter 3. Let's turn there please.

Ephesians 3.

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

Verse 20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

In this passage we are instructed to be renewed, to completely change the way we live. And thus to being fully committed to finish our journey on this road less traveled.

And we are only able to accomplish this, by the aid and by the power of the Holy Spirit that God has given to us. I have found that many times in the past, that I start the day off in a positive frame of mind, having had communion with God through prayer, and or scripture reading.

And then through the course of the day, through one trial or another I loose focus, by that I mean I lose my mental connection with the Holy Spirit, and from time to time, allow a little bit of the old man to surface, in my thought process.

Scripture records that Elijah also lost his spiritual focus, as he encountered a trial in his life. I'd like to look at this account, as I feel we can apply a lesson from it, in our daily trails of life as well.

I'd like to turn to 1 Kings 19, and as we turn there let me just mention the backdrop. In the previous chapter Elijah who's name means the "Lord is God" called fire down from heaven as a witness to Israel, proving that the Lord was God,.

Let's just read the very brief prayer that Elijah made to God.

1 Kings 18:

36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

After this great event, Elijah executed all the prophets of Baal. Consider what a great witness this was, not only to Israel, but also to Elijah himself.

You would think at this point Elijah's faith and spiritual strength would be over flowing. However, as we know that is not what happened.

Let's continue reading in **1 Kings 19.**

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."

8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake

12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

I find this to be such a curious passage of scripture. After Elijah performs such a dynamic witness, by calling the fire down from heaven. He then seems to lose his faith, that God was with him, answering his prayers, and working miracles through him.

Instead, he fears for his life, and God instructs him to take a 40 day journey, after eating just one meal, which is in itself a miracle. And then he arrives at the place God instructs him to travel too, and then God asks him twice, why are you here?

If you or I were Elijah, might we not say, because God you told me to come here?

For certainly God knew why he had fled for his life. Maybe I can solicit some thoughts and commentary on this passage a little bit later?

Anyway, the point that I want to make, is that God was not in the wind, nor the earthquake, nor the fire, but rather - Gods presence was in the still small voice. And I believe that this is a key point.

I believe what God is trying to convey to us, is that we need to be in touch with, the peacefulness of God's Holy Spirit within us. We should strive to mentally have contact with our father and Jesus Christ throughout the day, regardless of the calamity swirling around us.

I believe this is what it means by being led by the Spirit of God, as we often read of in Romans 8. We are instructed to walk with God. And I submit to you, that we can only be walking with God, IF we are conscious of His presence, within us.

Let's turn to what I consider to be one of the most meaningful and thought provoking statements in all of the bible. The real meat of the word, spoken by the true patriarch of the New Testament Church.

1 John 4.17-18

17 "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

That's what it means to be a Christian, to have developed the mind of Christ, to be a true reflection of God Himself. To be fully formed in His likeness and image.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Brethren, when we are truly in tune with God, through His Spirit, we can be at great peace, even in a troubled world. In knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God loves us, and has called us to eternal life, regardless of the circumstances that may surround us.

God knows our inner most thoughts and desires, and so if our hearts are pure, truly seeking to become like Him, as did David, who was a man seeking God's own heart.

Well then, we truly have nothing to fear, for God will see to it, that we arrive at our destination, at the end of this road less traveled, living eternally in the Kingdom.

I'd like to leave you with one more thought in closing. Please turn with me to Isaiah.35.

As we turn there, let's remember that although God has called a very few to travel on this road less taken in this age.

And yet, in the age to come, this narrow road to eternal life will be enlarged, and made much easier to travel. As is written **Isaiah 40.3-5**

3 "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;

5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; And it will be our job to guide humanity on this new road to eternal life.

Let's read a little more about it. Isaiah 35.

1 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice,

And let's drop down to verses 8-10

8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there,

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Physically speaking all these things described, I believe will become a reality.

However, I also believe that the physical will underscore the spiritual reality as well.

The spiritual deserts, this world being virtually devoid of the knowledge and Spirit of God will burst forth with the fruits of righteousness, when the living water of God's Spirit revitalizes not only the land, but the worlds population as well.

Mankind will at last understand the meaning of physical life, and willingly want to travel on the highway of Holiness, that leads to eternal life. And so, as we read in verse 9, no ravenous beast, that is, no one with a carnal nature will travel on that road.

Just are we are to be overcoming our own carnal nature now. God's way of life will bring abundance of happiness and joy, for all people. The life that God has always intended to share with His children.

And so my friends, what a wonderful future, God has in store for us, helping all of mankind, on there journey on what will then be, the broad and easy way. On the Highway of Holiness that leads to eternal salvation.

So let us draw near to God continually, so that we can finish our journey on this road to eternal life, not being discouraged by the difficult course, but rather knowing that each day we have another opportunity to take another positive step towards the Kingdom.

So that when Jesus returns with His reward with Him, we can all say with overflowing joy,

Two roads diverged in the wilderness, and I—

I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

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