

A photograph of a paved road with a yellow center line, receding into a dense green forest. A bright, ethereal light source is positioned at the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the road and the surrounding foliage. The light creates a sense of depth and direction, leading the viewer's eye towards the vanishing point of the road.

The Way

Teach me **Your way**, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. ***Psalms 86:11 NKJV***

I am the way

Jesus said to him, “I am **the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ***John 14:6 NKJV***

All other religions of the world have their leader show you the pathway to God. Except Christianity; where Jesus comes to you and tells you **He is the pathway.**

With all other religions of the world, you have to work your way to get to heaven. Except Christianity; where you get saved by God’s grace.

Some other way

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some **other way**, the same is a thief and a robber. *John 10:1 NKJV*

Most of the world is trying to climb up some other way:

- Religions
- Good works

Jesus is the way!

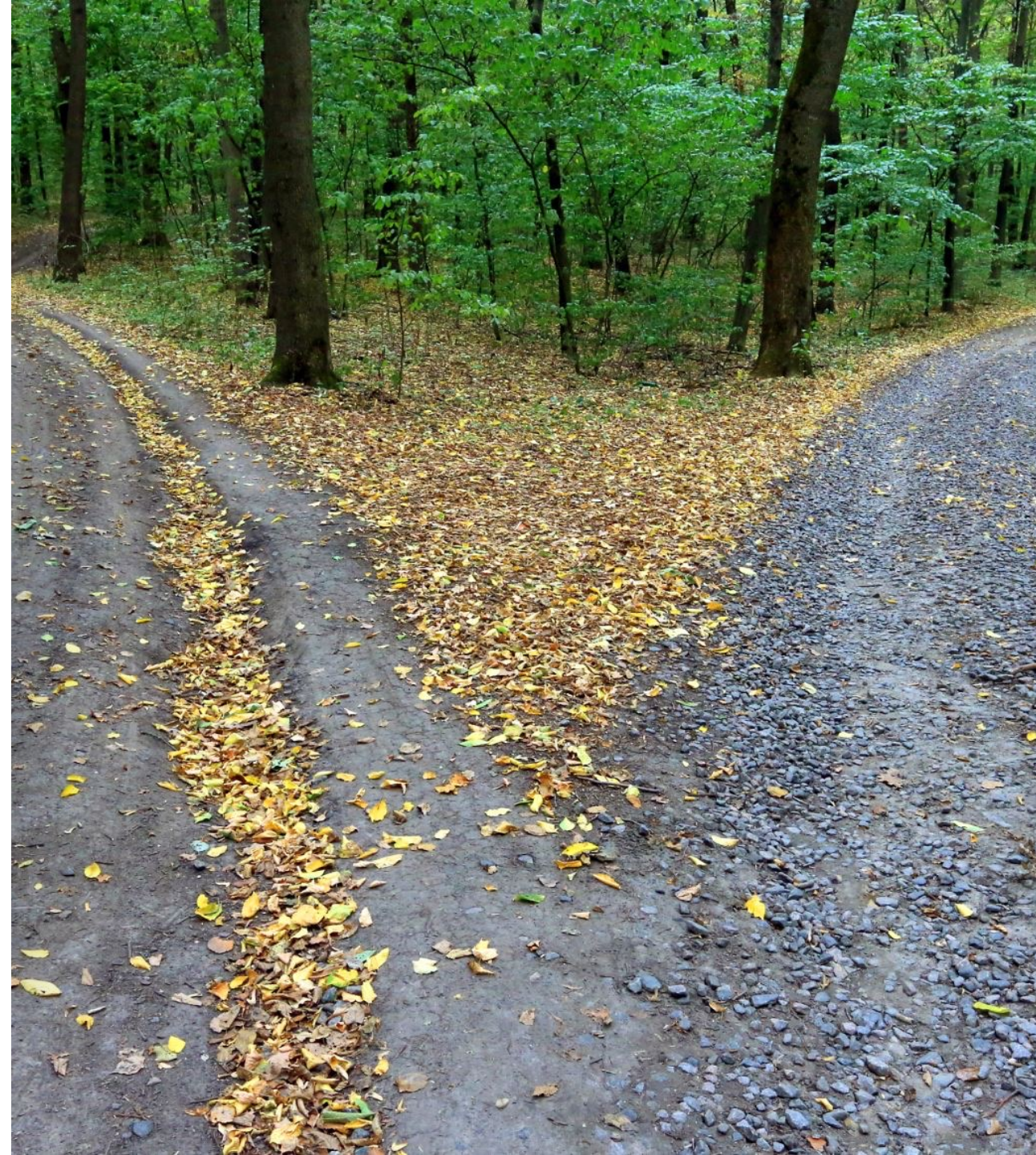
Way

Way – Hebrew - דֶּרֶךְ

derek, a road (as well trodden); a course of life or mode of action, along, a journey, (path), way, the action of going, walking.

Way – Greek - ὁδός

Hodos, way, a travelled way, road, a travellers way, journey, a course of conduct, a way of thinking, feeling, deciding, a road; a progress (the route); a mode or means: highway.



Life is a journey

- We are on a journey walking with Jesus.
- We can go our own way, or God's way. We have a choice.
- How do you live your life? Do you do your own thing, and go your own way?
- Which path are you walking down?
- It is a way of:
 - **Believing**
 - **Thinking**
 - **Choosing**
 - **Speaking**
 - **Behaving**
- Do you believe the truth about God and the truth about yourself?
- What you believe determines how you will think, and what you will decide.

God's ways

Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake **his way**, And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him **return** to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our
God, For He will abundantly pardon. “For My thoughts *are* not your
thoughts, Nor *are* your ways **My ways**,” says the Lord. “For *as* the
heavens are higher than the earth, So are **My ways** higher than your
ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ***Isaiah 55:6-9 NKJV***

It seems right

There is a **way** *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death. **Proverbs 14:12 NKJV**

Man will run down the path of life thinking that his way is God's way, when all the time He is going his own way, doing his own thing, walking down the path of death.

“That seems right!”

His way in the whirlwind

The Lord *is* slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*. The Lord has **His way in the whirlwind** and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of His feet. ***Nahum 1:3 NKJV***

You get your life all organized and situated: family, career, ministry, church, hobbies, health, etc... then a big storm comes and blows everything around. Produces change and loss.

- Do you get mad at God?
- Or do you praise Him for all things?



Fiery trials

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. ***1 Peter 4:12-13 NLT***

Life is a test and a trust.

Change and Loss

- Two of the most difficult things to go through in life is:
 - Change
 - Loss

God wants to change us. This is the reason we go through storms, that produces change and loss.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ***Romans 8:28-29 NKJV***

We will suffer loss

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For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. ***Matthew 16:25 KJV***

God is simply trying to get us to turn around, to leave our own way, and choose to travel down God's way.

You need to get enough of your own way, before you can choose only God's way.

Difficult is the way

“Enter 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. Because narrow *is* the gate and **difficult is the way** which leads to life, and there are few who find it. *Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV*

Because strait is the gate, and **narrow** is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. *Matthew 7:14 KJV*

thlībō, thlee'-bo; difficult, narrow straitened, to trouble, afflict, distress to crowd, afflict, narrow, suffer tribulation.

Because of the way

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and **the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way**. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. **Numbers 21:4-9 KJV**

God's way

They were out of Egypt, but Egypt was not out of them.

It was God's will, not man's will that led them through the wilderness.

The bend in the road

Hind Feet in High Places:

- There was a place in her journey where all of a sudden the road turned away from the High Places, for as far as her eyes could see.

I will do a new thing

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a **way** in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. ***Isaiah 43:18-19 NKJV***

God will make a way in the wilderness.

God's way is light

I will instruct you and teach you in **the way** you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ***Psalms 32:8 NKJV***

Man's eyes take in light, God's eyes give out light.

Search me

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any wicked **way** in me, and lead me in **the way**
everlasting. ***Psalms 139:23-24 KJV***

David was blind to things in his own heart, but he wanted them
revealed so he could deal with them. He wanted to walk in God's way.

The way

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare **the way** of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; *Isaiah 40:3-4 NKJV*

It is a call to repentance. We should fast and pray!

- Valley’s – inferior pride
- Mountains – superior pride
- Crooked places in our wills
- Rough places in our lives

God's way

Walking with Jesus is walking in God's way: How do you know you are on God's path? You say you are in a relationship with Jesus?

- **Honesty**
 - **Humility**
 - **Repentance**
 - **Faith**
 - **Redemption**
 - **Grace**
 - **Truth**
 - **Love**

Honesty

- Do you wear a mask?
- Can you get honest with yourself?
 - Can you even see yourself?
- Can you get honest with God?
- Can you be honest with others?

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ***1 John 1:8-10 NKJV***

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all **liars** shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” ***Revelation 21:8 NKJV***

Humility

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with **humility**, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the **humble**.” Therefore **humble** yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ***1 Peter 5:5-6 NKJV***

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the **humble**. ***James 4:6 NKJV***

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. ***James 4:10 NKJV***

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who **humbles** himself will be exalted. ***Matthew 23:12 NKJV***

Repentance

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *Matthew 4:17 NKJV*

Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:38 NKJV*

Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that **repentance** and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. *Luke 24:46-47 NKJV*

Faith

But without **faith** *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for “the just shall live by **faith**.” ***Galatians 3:11 NKJV***

For by grace you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. ***Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV***

Your journey is all about putting your confidence in the finished work of Christ.

Redemption

In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. *Ephesians 1:7 NKJV*

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being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, *Romans 3:24 NKJV*

It's not what you do, it is what Jesus has done.

Grace

For the law was given through Moses, *but* **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ. ***John 1:17 NKJV***

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being justified freely by His **grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ***Romans 3:24 NKJV***

We have nothing to boast about, it is all because of God's grace.

Truth

For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and **truth** came through Jesus Christ. ***John 1:17 NKJV***

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ***John 14:6 NKJV***

Sanctify them by Your **truth**. Your word is **truth**. ***John 17:17 NKJV***

And you shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free.” ***John 8:32 NKJV***

Love

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love** for one another.” *John 13:35 NKJV*

This is My commandment, that you **love** one another as I have **loved** you.
John 15:12 NKJV

Beloved, let us **love** one another, for **love** is of God; and everyone who **loves** is born of God and knows God. He who does not **love** does not know God, for God is **love**. *1 John 4:7-8 NKJV*

If you can't love your neighbor, you are kidding yourself.

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Are you going your own way, or are you on God's path?