

Formed on the Road

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Spiritual Formation

“The conscious process by which we seek to heighten and satisfy our Spirit-given thirst for God through divinely appointed means and with a view toward working out our own salvation with fear and trembling and becoming mature in Christ.”

...part of Christian growth is that part in which we are active, aware, intentional participants...striving to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

We are formed by travel because we all long for home

However, you define home will impact how you travel?

The word homesickness came about in the 1700s and meant literally 'distress from an anticipation of or separation from home.'

A few notes on travel

1414 Safe Conducts and Henry V

1829 France requires a passport while England, the United States, and other countries did not

1921 This is where we get our modern understanding of a passport from the League of Nations meeting in 1920.

The U.S. started requiring a passport in 1926.

Three Road Trips

Psalm 23

Matthew 7:13-14

Luke 24:13-35

The goal from Hebrews 11

“when called to go to a place,” (v. 8)

“like a stranger in a foreign country,” (v. 9)

“they were longing for a better country,” (v. 16)

“the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground,” (v.38)

Therefore...

“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,” (12:1)

How? We fix our eyes on Jesus.

Psalm 23

NOTE THE GEOGRPAHY WORDS



Road Trip: God leads us

Guiding along the right paths (v. 3)

Through the darkest valley (v. 4)

To dwell...where? In the house of the LORD.

A word on attentiveness

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Read David Gibson: p. 49, The LORD of Psalm 23.

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Matthew 7

NOT A CROWDED ROAD



Destruction v. life

“Scholars have disagreed on whether it is a road that leads to a gate or a gate that leads to a road, but the bottom line is the same: there are only two ways.”—David Platt

Two Roads

<https://youtu.be/mOJ1wUcP804>

The Emmaus Road

CONCLUSION



Luke 24

What do the folks on the road learn?

- 1) We need Jesus to open the Bible up to us
- 2) We ask Jesus to show us himself in the Bible
- 3) We need to be open to the Bible as we move in this world

--Dennis E. Johnson, Journeys with Jesus

Thank you

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