

Devotion 22: The Guide Who Became the Road

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Scripture: *John 14:6*

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Devotion

Most guides know the path and walk ahead of you. But what if the Guide didn't just know the way — what if He was the way? What if following Him wasn't just about walking behind someone who knew where to go, but about being connected to the very path itself?

That is exactly what Jesus claims when He says, "I am the way." Not "I know the way." Not "I will show you the way." I am the way. Jesus doesn't hand us a map and wave goodbye. He leads us by going first — all the way through suffering, through death, through the grave, and out the other side into resurrection life. When He invites us to follow Him, He is inviting us to trust that the road He has already traveled is the one that leads home.

This is what makes Christianity so different from every other religion and philosophy in the world. Every other system says: Here are the rules, here is the wisdom — now find your own way. Jesus says: I am the way. Follow Me. You can follow because He has already gone ahead. You can trust the path because the One who blazed it loves you enough to have died on it. During Lent, as we walk with Jesus toward the cross, we remember that the path goes through dark places — but never into a dead end. The Guide who became the road is also the God who raises the dead.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between Jesus saying "I know the way" and "I am the way"? Why does that matter?
2. What are some paths the world offers for finding meaning and purpose? How are they different from following Jesus?
3. How does it comfort you to know that Jesus has already walked the road ahead of you — including through suffering and death?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Forgive us for looking for other roads when You have already gone ahead and prepared the way. Help us to follow You — even through dark valleys — trusting that You lead us home. Amen.

Family Action Item: Draw or trace a simple road together as a family. Write on the road the words: suffering, forgiveness, death, resurrection, and home. Talk about how Jesus walked every part of that road for us and now walks it with us.