

THE PATH

-PRAY-

-God is on the move!

-Passion Conference

-Awaken's Fine Arts Human Video

-Kids City's BGMC Report and Heart for Missions

-God has always been on the move...**Genesis 1:2**

INTRO: -Darkness was widespread, BUT the spirit of God was moving. Since then, for the most part darkness has tried to win and overtake the light, but the Spirit of God IS moving and IS overcoming the darkness.

-The question is...Will you and I choose to settle in with God or will we not.

-Will we choose the path that Jesus would lead us now, or will we go our own way?

Matthew 7:13-14 says this...

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it."

Psalms 119:105 says...

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

-This light will lead our steps to find that narrow road if we seek Jesus with our whole heart!

-This message is for the weary traveler this morning. Are you tired? Are you wiped out? Some of you may have even said this morning..."I am done." I hope this message encourages and challenges you this morning.

-Some become weary of doing good.

-Some are weary because they are avoiding good.

-The path we are on matters. It matters. Because when you and I are hurting and struggling, the path that we are on affects how we respond...how we move forward.

Psalm 1

**“Oh, the joys of those who do not
follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand around with sinners,
or join in with mockers.
But they delight in the law of the Lord,
meditating on it day and night.
They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither,
and they prosper in all they do.**

**But not the wicked!
They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.
They will be condemned at the time of judgment.
Sinners will have no place among the godly.
For the Lord watches over the path of the godly,
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.”**

-3 Steps To Take When Choosing Your Path...-

1. Identify the land where you currently are rooted/settled

-Look around where you are. What are the trail markers indicating? Are you growing in Jesus? Do you have peace? Is the Holy Spirit causing you to be fruitful? Do you have a desire to invite others onto the path with you? If the answer to these questions is yes, this is the path of the righteous, of those following Jesus.

Psalm 139:23-24 says...

**“Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”**

2. Disrupt The Dirt

-If you have settled in on the path where you are in total control, it is time to disrupt the dirt and head to the path of righteousness where God is in control. Because...

Proverbs 14:12 says...

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”

-So if we are in control today, we need to yield that control to God. He is our heading. He is our fixed coordinates!

-ILLUSTRATION-

-God will help us change the course.

Psalm 23:1-3 says...

“The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.”

-And He also asks believers to do our part...**Galatians 6:1-3**

3. Settle In To The Path That Leads You To Living Water. AND LET YOUR ROOTS GO DEEP!!!

-This is the path to be on. It is a narrow path, but it is a righteous path. It is a hard path, but God’s strength is found on this path. It is a path that requires endurance, but God promises to renew our strength as we wait on Him. It is, at times, a lonely path, but God promises to never leave us or forsake us. It is a path that is worth it, and it is the only path that leads to eternal life with Jesus!!!

-Diet AND Exercise
-Reading God’s Word AND Prayer

-REMEMBER, God is on the move. And there is a path that He is moving on that goes by the river of living water where leaves never wither, where our faith in God can be sustained!! Will you find and get on that path with me today?

-It has been said that a journey of a 1,000 miles begins with just 1 step. Let’s take that step today together!

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