

DISCERNMENT & DIRECTION

finding the right path
through a landscape of distractions and detours

There Is A Way

“This is what the Lord says — your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me.’”

ISAIAH 48:17-19

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

MATTHEW 7:13-14

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death”

PROVERBS 14:12

“‘You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.’”

JOHN 14:4-7a

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.’”

GENESIS 1:27-28a

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Life (this life in this world) has a beginning and an end. The path that connects these two set points is not fixed or pre-determined, it must be journeyed, discovered and by necessity “guided” to its right conclusion. We will have a keen sense of needing right direction when the destination is important enough and the way is unfamiliar, or when we are utterly lost and in trouble, or when there are too many options and we don’t know how to choose. The Bible teaches that we are to find our life direction from something more than just the broad beaten path of others, or the way that feels right in the moment. Navigating life successfully means following good directions starting right where we are, and for most of us this means turning to God’s guidance in three essential ways:

1. reset

2. resist

3. restore

NEXT WEEKEND: our series continues - “God Speaks Still”