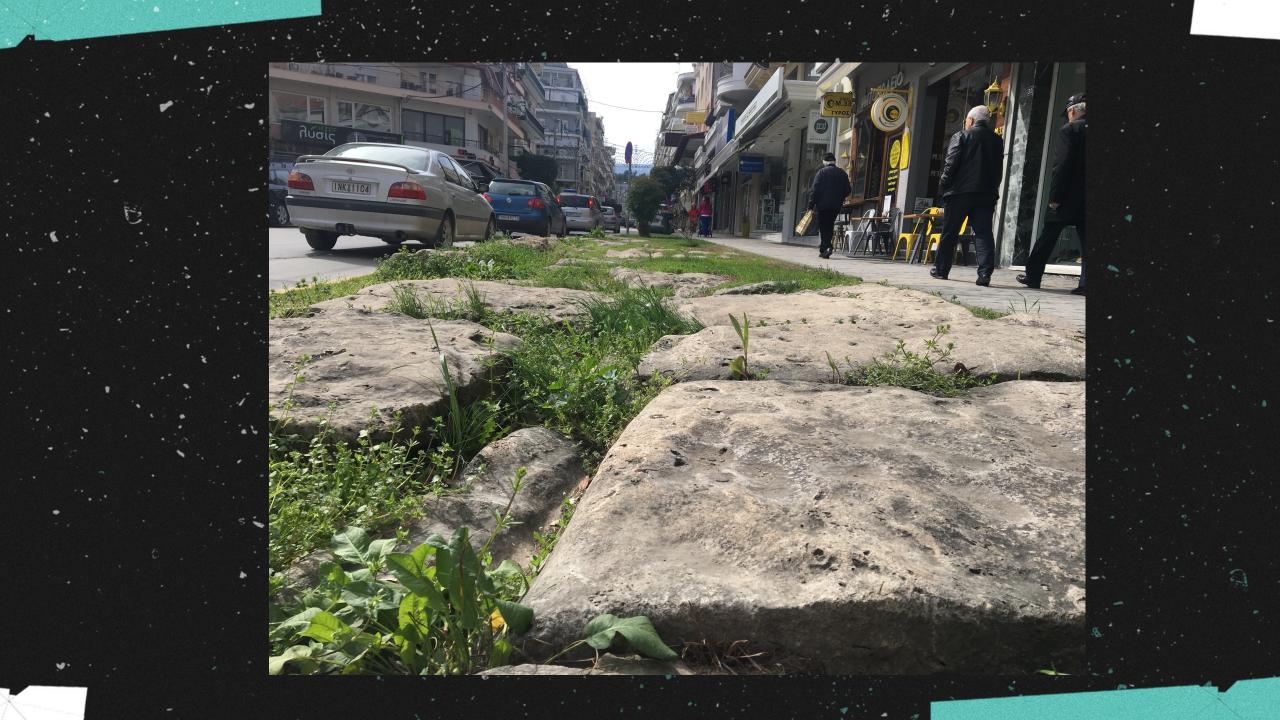
#### WHICH ROAD WILL YOU TAKE?

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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT





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#### John Stott

## "Jesus cuts across our easy-going syncretism."



"When you come to a fork in the road, take it." –Yogi Berra I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you **life and death**, **blessing and curse**... – Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse... – Deuteronomy 30:19

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Thus says the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death... –Jeremiah 21:8

2 ways - 2 outcomes

#### Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.<sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."



#### Two paths to ponder

#### 1) Popular counterfeit path

"...those who enter by it are many."

#### What is the popular way?

#### • It's COMPROMISING "wide is the gate"

#### John Stott

"There is plenty of room on it for diversity of opinions and laxity of morals. It is the road of tolerance and permissiveness. Travelers on this road follow their own inclinations, that is, the desires of the human heart in its fallenness."



#### <u>Communist Manifesto:</u> "Religion is the opiate of the people." Karl Marx

#### Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

#### What is the popular way?

#### • It's COMPROMISING "wide is the gate"

• It's ENTICING "easy is the way"

#### Matthew 5:10-11

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven."

#### 2 Timothy 3:12

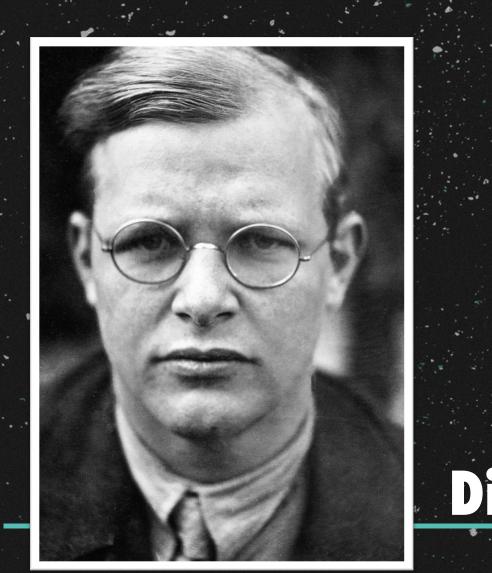
"...everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

#### John 16:33

#### "In this world you will have trouble."

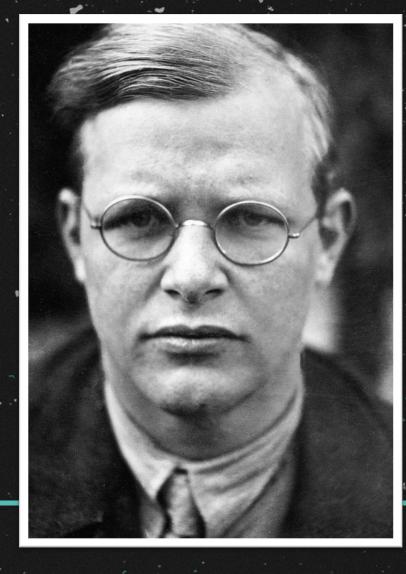
#### John 16:33

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart. I have overcome the world."



### **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

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# "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

#### Two paths to ponder

## Popular counterfeit path Radical Jesus road

"...those who find it are few."

#### Erwin McManus, The Barbarian Way

"The point is not that God makes us mentally or emotionally imbalanced, but that He makes us passionately and spiritually unbalanced. God steers us in the direction of His kingdom, His purpose, His passions. His desire is not to conform us, but to transform us. Not to make us compliant... His intent is never to domesticate us..."



BEING AWARE OF WHAT YOU NEED TO BEWARE OF

#### • SACRIFICIAL Road "narrow gate" vv. 13, 14

### Matthew 7:12

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.

## Alan and Debra Hirsch, Untamed

"To be a truly radical disciple does require a relentless evaluation of life's priorities and concerns, together with an ongoing, rigorous critique of our culture, to ensure we are not adopting values that subvert the very life and message we are called to live out."



#### MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> | 6PM

#### • COURAGEOUS Road "those who find it are few" vv. 13, 14



Hast thou no scar? No hidden scar Of foot, or side, or hand? I hear thee sung as mighty in the land, I hear them hail thy bright ascendant star: Hast thou no scar?

Hast thou no wound? Yet, I was wounded by the archers, spent. Leaned me against the tree to die, and rent By ravening beasts that compassed me, I swooned: Hast thou no wound?

No wound? No scar? Yet, as the master shall the servant be, And pierced are the feet that follow Me; But thine are whole. Can he have followed far Who has no wound? No scar?

#### Deuteronomy 30:19

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life..."

# 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."

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