

The Road Less Traveled

(Matthew 7:13-14)

- Introduction:
1. God calls us to walk with him and to do so means that we will choose a path that is different from the one upon which most of the world travels.
 2. Though seldom traveled, it is a good path that will bless your life and allow you to bless the lives of others.
 3. (Genesis 5:22) Enoch walked with God for 300 years.
 4. In this lesson, I want to call you to choose a road less traveled - the path of grace.

I. Choosing Our Path Affects Our Destiny

- A. Robert Frost poem.
 1. The Road Less Taken
 2. "Two road diverged in a wood and I – I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference."
- B. If we choose the right path in life, it will indeed, make all the difference in the world.
 1. In our own lives.
 2. In the lives of others.

II. The Path Of Grace

- A. This is a path that is so infrequently traveled it is grown up, but what path is there to follow has been cut by the footsteps of God.
- B. (Genesis 3) Adam and Eve.
- C. (2 Samuel 11-12) David.
- D. (John 8) Woman taken in adultery.
- E. (John 18:25-28; 21:15-17) Peter.

III. What Path Will We Choose To Travel?

- A. Have we ever been caught dead to rights?
- B. Have we ever make ourselves an easy mark?
- C. Have we ever found ourselves guilty with no excuses to hide behind?
- D. If so, what did we need? Grace. Forgiveness. Understanding. Patience.
- E. (Matthew 7:12) The Golden Rule.
- F. Do you know of people who are caught dead to rights, who are easy marks?
 1. Are you "piling on?"
 2. Are you "running from them?"
 3. Are you reaching out to them?
- G. (Psalm 25:7).
- H. (Romans 7:19-25).

- Conclusion:
1. Don't be the person who is known for "piling on," but be the person who is known for hating the sin, but loving the sinner.
 2. This is the road that is less traveled, and if you will take it, you will find that it does make all the difference.