

Are You on the Right Track?

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me”, Luke 9:23

It is no good purchasing a single ticket – REPENTING –, and then sitting in a conveyancing vehicle waiting for it to move.
JESUS WALKED!

Thus the ‘track’ we are referring to is a walking track. As you are about to commence this walk, there are some intriguing exits from the main path. Some are ‘D’ shaped, but others are ‘B’ shaped, and others are ‘P’ shaped. The main track is ‘I’ shaped.

All have the ‘I’ section. The ‘D’ signifies the greatest time away from the main track. The ‘B’ and the ‘P’ signify one or two smaller deviations.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”, John 14:6.

The I route. The direct route. The shortest route. Why did Jesus advise taking the direct, but shortest route? Because we are also to take up our cross DAILY.

Friend, there is one final bit from that Scripture that is so important. It says, “...and follow me”. It does not say get ahead of me. I have no idea who composed it, and it is listed as a silly story.

“There was a person who prided himself on being exceedingly punctual. He followed a very precise routine every morning. His alarm would go off at 6.30.am.

He rose briskly, shaved, showered, ate his breakfast, brushed his teeth, picked up his briefcase, got into his car, drove to the nearby ferry landing, parked his car, rode the ferry across to the downtown business area, got off the ferry, walked smartly to his building, marched to the elevator, rode to the seventeenth floor, hung up his coat, opened his briefcase, spread his papers out on his desk, and sat down in his chair at precisely 8.00 a.m. Not 8.01 or even 7.59 a.m. ALWAYS at 8.00 a.m. He followed this same routine without variation for eight years…….until

One morning his alarm did not go off and he slept fifteen minutes late. When he did awake, he was panic stricken. He rushed through his shower, nicked himself when he shaved, gulped down his breakfast, only halfway brushed his teeth, grabbed up his briefcase, jumped into his car, sped to the ferry landing, jumped out of his car, and looked for the ferry. There it was, out in the water a few feet from the dock. He said to himself, “I think I can make it,” and he ran down the dock towards the

ferry at full speed. Reaching the edge of the pier he gave an enormous leap out over the water and miraculously landed with a loud thud on the deck of the ferry.

The captain rushed down to make sure he was all right and then said, "Man, that was a tremendous leap, but if you had just waited another minute we would have reached the dock and you could have walked on." What does it take for us to remain on the right track?

Stop looking for easier ways. Avoid considering deviations. God's timing is perfect

Your first contact takes place because you heard God calling, and you turned towards Him.

Your second contact takes place as He says, "Give me all your sins, and I will get rid of them".

Your cross He asks you to carry. Jesus said, "Speak what the Holy Spirit tells you to speak".

That, my friends, is the greatest Cross you will ever have to carry, for its name is 'OBEDIENCE'.

Obedience promotes spiritual unity and development.