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Psalm 25:4-5

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***“Make me know Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths. Lead me in
Your truth and teach me, for You are
the God of my salvation; for You I
wait all the day.” (Psalm 25:4-5)***

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***“Watch the path of your feet and all
your ways will be established. Do not
turn to the right nor to the left; Turn
your foot from evil.” (Proverbs 4:26-27)***

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***“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a
light to my path.” (Psalms 119:105)***

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Choices ...

Will We Choose The Lord?

***“If it is disagreeable in your sight to
serve the Lord, choose for yourselves
today whom you will serve: whether the
gods which your fathers served which
were beyond the River, or the gods of
the Amorites in whose land you are
living; but as for me and my house, we
will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)***

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Choices ...

Will We Choose The Lord?

***“Elijah came near to all the people
and said, ‘How long will you hesitate
between two opinions? If the Lord is
God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow
him.’ But the people did not answer
him a word.” (1 Kings 18:21)***

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Choices ...

Will We Choose the Ancient Paths?

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls.’ But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’” (Jeremiah 6:16)

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Choices ...

Will We Choose the Broad Way or the Narrow Way?

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

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Choosing the Narrow Way is choosing the Highway of Holiness.

“A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it.” (Isaiah 35:8)

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The Highway of Holiness includes:

1. Path of life

“You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.” (Psalm 16:11)

2. Paths of righteousness

“He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

3. Paths of the Lord

“All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.” (Psalm 25:10)

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The Highway of Holiness includes:

4. Path of Your commandments

“Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.” (Psalm 119:35)

5. Every good path

“Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path ...” (Proverbs 2:9 ESV)

6. The paths of the righteous

“So you will walk in the way of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous.” (Proverbs 2:20)

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The Highway of Holiness includes:

7. The right paths

“I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in upright paths.” (Proverbs 4:11)

8. His ways ... His paths

“... That He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths ...” (Isaiah 2:3b)

9. The way of the righteous

“The way of the righteous is smooth; O Upright One, make the path of the righteous level.” (Isaiah 26:7)

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The **Highway of Holiness** includes:

10. The way of peace

"They do not know the way of peace, and there is no justice in their tracks; They have made their paths crooked, whoever treads on them does not know peace." (Isaiah 59:8)

"To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:77-79)

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The **Highway of Holiness** is one choice (the narrow way).

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

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The **Way of Destruction** is another choice (the broad way).

"For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things."
(Philippians 3:18-19)

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The **Way of Destruction** includes:

1. The path of sinners

"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!" (Psalm 1:1)

2. Crooked paths

"Whose paths are crooked, and who are devising in their ways ..." **(Proverbs 2:15)**

3. The way of a fool

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel."
(Proverbs 12:15)

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The **Way of Destruction** includes:

4. The way of the treacherous

"Good understanding produces favor, but the way of the treacherous is hard." (Proverbs 13:15)

5. The way that seems right

"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12)

6. The way of the wicked

"The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but He loves one who pursues righteousness."
(Proverbs 15:9)

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The **Way of Destruction** includes:

7. Choice: Choose not to walk this path!

"So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness." (Ephesians 4:17-19)

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The Way of Destruction includes:

7. Choice: Choose not to walk this path.

"But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth." (Ephesians 4:20-24)

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Will You Obey The Gospel And Become A Christian?

"... for He says, 'AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU.' Behold, now is 'THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,' behold, now is 'THE DAY OF SALVATION' ..."
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

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Which path will you take?

The Narrow Way:

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2:36-38)

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The Narrow Way:

"So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)

"But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand." (Acts 4:4) (cf. Acts 8:35-39)

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Or the Broad Way:

"But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming." (Acts 13:45)

"Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, 'We shall hear you again concerning this.'" (Acts 17:32)

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Will We Live In Sin or Above Sin?

"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience." (Ephesians 2:1-2)

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (Romans 6:1-2)

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Will We Live In Sin or Above Sin?

"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin ..." (Romans 6:4-6)

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1. Moral crossroads:

Lusts Of Men – vs – The Will Of God

"Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you ..." (1 Peter 4:1-4)

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2. Will we befriend the world, or God?

"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." (James 4:4)

3. Will we live in punishment or in eternal life?

"... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority." (2 Peter 2:9-10)

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"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation." (1 Peter 2:9-12)

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Will We Pay The Price It Costs To Be A Disciple Of Jesus?

Luke 14:25-33; Matthew 10:34-39

1. Will we choose truth of the gospel before: Loved ones? Personal advantage? Promotion at work? Pleasure? Leisure? Favor of others?
2. Self-denial at great personal sacrifice? – **Luke 9:23; cf. Ezra 10:1-4**
 - a. Repent of every sin! cf. Corinthian church at crossroads:
2 Corinthians 2:9; 7:9-11

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Will You Remember God When You Are Young?

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1

Will you consider God in ...

1. Your clothing, entertainment, respect for parents and elders?
 2. Choosing your career: Will you be a faithful Christian and promote righteousness?
 3. In the person you will date and marry?
- 1 Corinthians 15:33-34; Matthew 19:4-6**

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Will I Endure To The End?

**Matthew 10:22; Hebrews 10:36; 12:1-2;
2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelation 2:10b**

1. Don't rest on past accomplishments to ensure your present and future spiritual state.
2. When I get feeble in mind and body, will I still do what I can? **2 Corinthians 4:16-18; cf. Psalm 71:16; Titus 2:2-3**

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1. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way." (**Psalms 139:23-24**)
2. Jesus is the Way who guides our feet on the way of peace, light, and salvation.
"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" (**John 14:6**)
"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'" (**John 8:12**)

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We must live with the choices we make!

Which road will you take?

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God's Plan of Salvation

HEAR THE WORD

James 1:21-22; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Romans 1:16; Hebrews 11:6

REPENT OF SINS

Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3

CONFESS HIS NAME

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

BE BAPTIZED FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16

REMAIN OBEDIENT

Hebrews 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58