

Getting Where You Want To Go

If you want to live well, make sure you understand all of this. If you know what's good for you, you'll earn this inside and out.

“God's paths get you where you want to go. Right-living people walk them easily; wrong-living people are always tripping and stumbling” (Hosea 14:9) The Message

We've been saved, called, and equipped by God to live the life. We're not talking about some plain-Jane-ordinary-life, either. We're talking about a real, honest-to-goodness, over-the-top, in-your-face good life! You know the difference between good and bad, right?

“It's amazing how quickly many of us are willing to justify a lifestyle that is anything but good. We need to wrap our minds around the reality that God had a plan for our lives even prior to our being formed” (Ephesians 2:10).

The Amplified says, "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He pre-arranged and made ready for us to live]. (Emphasis mine!)

Here's a simple question for us to consider this week;

Are we looking for the good life or are we actually living it?

Throughout the years Shelby and I have learned some vital insights that have allowed us to enjoy the good life that God saved, called and equipped us to experience.

Talk to anybody who really knows us and they'll agree - We live under the Blessing of God. It's not as if we've never experienced hardship or trial; we've been through more together than most people realize.

We've been in so many strange and difficult situations that we should probably write a book about our incredible journey. We've seen the best of the best and the worst of the worst yet in every situation God has always demonstrated His power and His purpose in our lives.

To be brutally honest, we've experienced moments in the past when it was our steps that took us off of the good life trail. Just like everybody else, we've made mistakes and turned left when we should have turned right. Not one of us is infallible. However, it was at those places along our journey where we truly learned the differences between our paths and His. We've learned that if there is a single truth that possesses the potential to change everything in your world it has got to be this: God's paths get you where you want to go.

Hosea said it well. Right-living people find God's paths easy to navigate. Wrong-living people are always tripping and stumbling. It's a wonderful thing when you know that the path that you're taking has been carved out by God. It's another thing when you know that it wasn't.

I know a lot of people who are tripping. In their minds they're telling themselves that the path that they're on is going to lead somewhere - even when they know it's not. They picture themselves arriving at some specific destination - financial security - household harmony - professional success - yet in reality they're on paths that lead to nowhere, wandering in a maze of detours and dead ends. What they're living isn't anywhere near the good life! They eventually find themselves blaming God and any and everyone else they can think of for the predicament of their life, but it isn't anybody's fault but their own. They've chosen the path that they're traveling upon. And therein lays the problem.

We can't afford the mistake of wrong choices. We need to choose His path and not our own. We need to place ourselves in His Presence and allow His trail to unfold before us. Don't be crippled by detours and dead ends from your past. Make a right choice today to follow His Paths. Don't be tripping. Don't be fooled into thinking that His way won't get you where you want to go. The only way to get where you want to go is by following His path!

We believe in you!

Pastors Thom and Shelby