

Travelling Tips For The Sojourning Family



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101 Conflict Resolution

Wednesday Evening Message (May 18, 2016)

Sermon by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: We need to be reminded that we are just sojourners here on earth (**Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 11:3, I Peter 2:11**). Our eternal home is in Heaven. We must also remember that human beings are not our real enemy (**Ephesians 6:12, James 4:7, I Peter 5:8**). Satan is our nemesis. With these facts as a frame of reference we can begin to focus on planning our trip to Heaven. In this lesson we begin to consider some travelling tips for the sojourning family. What can we learn from the book of Acts? We must be honest with ourselves and others. How can we start off right? Let's study together...

Discussion:

1. **PRAY** - _____
 - James 4:1-2, 5:16
2. **BELIEVE** - _____
 - Acts 9:1-20, Acts 15:36-41, II Timothy 4:11
3. **GO** - _____
 - Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-17
4. **CONFESS** - _____
 - Matthew 7:1-5, James 5:16
5. **CONFRONT** - _____
 - Proverbs 15:1, Ephesians 4:29
6. **WATCH** - _____
 - Galatians 6:1-2, Colossians 3:12-15
7. **LISTEN** - _____
 - Romans 15:1-3, Philippians 2:4
8. **COOPERATE** - _____
 - Romans 12:18, I Corinthians 8:1-13
9. **FORGIVE** - _____
 - Luke 17:3-4, Acts 7:60
10. **FORGET** - _____
 - Matthew 18:21-35, I John 2:9-11

Conclusion: God has great plans for you and the journey ahead of you. He has great plans for your family. He has great plans for the church. Will you follow His directions? We can expect conflicting road signs, detours, roadblocks, potholes, speed bumps, dead ends, and poor driving conditions. However, the GPS will never lead us astray. *Get right church and let's go home!*



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201 Improving Communication

Sunday Class Message (May 18, 2016)

Sermon by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: In our last lesson we noticed that we are just sojourners here on earth (**Philippians 3:20, Hebrews 11:3, I Peter 2:11**) and our eternal home is in Heaven. We talked about planning our trip to Heaven. We start by getting in a right relationship with God. The second thing we need to consider is how to improve communication with those on the journey with us. How can we encourage each other along the way? What can help us, or hinder us, in our travelling toward Heaven? Let's study together...

Discussion:

1. **TIME** - _____
 - Ephesians 5:16, John 10:10
2. **ENTERTAINMENT** - _____
 - Philippians 4:8, Colossians 3:17
3. **FEAR** - _____
 - II Timothy 1:7, I John 4:4, Matthew 6:34
4. **MATURITY** - _____
 - Luke 2:52, John 15:15
5. **INSECURITY** - _____
 - Ephesians 5:22-6:4, I Peter 3:1-7
6. **KNOWLEDGE** - _____
 - II Peter 3:18, Proverbs 22:6
7. **VALUES** - _____
 - Exodus 20:3, Matthew 6:33
8. **RELATIONSHIPS** - _____
 - Exodus 20:12, II Corinthians 6:14, I Corinthians 5:33
9. **LOVE** - _____
 - I Corinthians 13, John 13:34-35
10. **FAITH** - _____
 - Hebrews 11:6, Romans 10:16, II Timothy 1:5

Conclusion: These 10 things can be communication killers or they can be used in a positive way. As we travel together toward Heaven we need to improve our communication with one another. How good is your communication? Do you use positive communication in your home? Negative communication will not help us build better relationships and it certainly won't help us getting to our destination. How can we use positive communication in our trip toward Heaven? *Get right church and let's go home!*



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301 Embracing Covenant

Sunday Worship Message (May 18, 2016)

Sermon by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: In our previous two lessons we noticed our proper destination and why we need positive communication. In this lesson we will focus on the “fuel” that drives us forward. We need to embrace the new covenant. A covenant is “a contract or agreement between two or more parties.” Covenant is how God has chosen to communicate to us, to redeem us from our sins, and guarantees us eternal life in Christ Jesus. It’s more than just a commitment: it is an eternal contract. Carnal people do not like “long-term” commitments, but spiritual people are different (**Matthew 16:24-26**). Jesus emphasizes the severity of this covenant. How can embracing this truth get us to Heaven? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

1. **Embrace A Holy Covenant With God**

- A contract with a holy God (**Matthew 5:48**).
- A commitment to the holy work (**Matthew 6:33**).
- A compulsion to holy living (**Matthew 7:24-27**).

2. **Embrace A Holy Covenant With Your Family**

- God has a plan for you and your parents (**Exodus 20:12**).
- God has a plan for you and your spouse (**Genesis 2:18-25**).
- God has a plan for you and your children (**Proverbs 22:6**).

3. **Embrace A Holy Covenant With God’s Family**

- Contractually obligated to serve each other (**Acts 2:42-45**).
- Contractually obligated to unify with each other (**I Corinthians 1:10**).
- Contractually obligated to love each other (**John 13:34-35**).

4. **Embrace A Holy Covenant In God’s Ways**

- Moving forward through faithful living (**Luke 16:10**).
- Moving forward through honest living (**Matthew 6:2, 5, 16**).
- Moving forward through steadfast living (**I Corinthians 15:58**).

Conclusion: God takes every covenant seriously. We should be committed to get home together. There is truly no place like home! No one should be left behind. Are you on board? Are you headed in the right direction? Are you following God’s Positioning System? Is your house in order? We need to embrace our covenant with God, with our family, with God’s family, and stay committed to following God’s way. *Get right church and let’s go home!*



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401 Avoiding Road Hazards

Sunday Afternoon Message (May 18, 2016)

Sermon by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: In our previous lessons we noticed our destination, communication, and motivation. In this lesson we will focus on road hazards that distract or discourage us. We have to watch the signs. Prayer can aid us before we begin the journey (**Matthew 6:13, 26:41, I Corinthians 10:13, James 4:7-8, I Peter 5:8-9, II Peter 2:9**). What happens when we face these roadblocks? What are these roadblocks? Let's study together...

Discussion:

Road Block #1 = Fear

- Fear can take away your confidence (**Proverbs 14:26-27, Hebrews 13:5-6**).
- Fear can take away your understanding (**I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15**).
- Fear can take away your perspective (**I John 4:4, Luke 22:31**).
- Fear can take away your reality (**Matthew 22:29-30, Psalm 23:4**).
- Fear can take away your spirituality (**Matthew 10:28, Lamentations 3:57**).

Road Block #2 = Procrastination

- Procrastination can delay your offering (**Exodus 8:8-10, Exodus 22:29-30**).
- Procrastination can frustrate your future (**Proverbs 27:1, Matthew 25:1-13**).
- Procrastination can hinder your work (**Haggai 1:2-5, I Kings 19:19-21**).
- Procrastination can weaken your faith (**Matthew 16:24, Acts 24:24-27**).
- Procrastination can obstruct your view (**Hebrews 12:1-2, Philippians 3:12-16**).

Road Block #3 = Materialism

- Materialism contributes to sinful desires (**Proverbs 21:17-20, Numbers 22**).
- Materialism contributes to anxiety (**Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:6**).
- Materialism contributes to financial instability (**Luke 12:17, Luke 16:19-31, Luke 18:18-30**).
- Materialism contributes to lust and pride (**Genesis 3:1-8, I John 5:19**).
- Materialism contributes to greed (**Acts 8:24-27, Philippians 2:3-8**).

Road Block #4 = Laziness

- Laziness causes discouragement and depression (**Psalm 1:1, Titus 1:12**).
- Laziness causes bad habits (**Proverbs 6:6, II Thessalonians 3:10-11**).
- Laziness causes physical and spiritual poverty (**Proverbs 10:4-5, 26, 11:28, 14:23**).
- Laziness causes physical and spiritual destruction (**Proverbs 15:7, 24:30-34, Acts 22:16**).
- Laziness causes foolish decision making (**Proverbs 30:8-9, Hebrews 6:12**).

Road Block #5 = Denial

- Denial removes hope (**Genesis 6:8, Romans 4:18-22**).
- Denial removes forgiveness (**Psalm 51:17, I John 1:8-9**).
- Denial removes patience (**Isaiah 40:30-31, Philippians 4:4-13**).
- Denial removes the light (**Matthew 5:13-16, Acts 26:17-18**).
- Denial removes promises (**Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:31-39, Hebrews 13:5**).

Conclusion: Did you notice anything about these five roadblocks? These are things that we wrestle with spiritually and physically. Consider the biblical story of Job. When did his story turn the corner (**Job 40-42**)? Ask yourself three questions. *Which road are you traveling? Where is the road heading? Are you leading others in the right direction?* If something needs to change, do it now while you have time for a U-turn! *Let's get right church!*