

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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Dear members and friends of FBF,

How ironic is it that so many who are travelling en masse on what Jesus called “the broad way that leads to destruction” dismiss Christians as simple-minded followers of tradition and convention? Living as a genuine Christian is the most countercultural lifestyle possible.

Consider, for example, how the Christianity sets itself against worldly “common sense” principles of success:

Business more than any other occupation is a continual dealing with the future; it is a continual calculation, an instinctive exercise in foresight.

- Henry R. Luce, Publisher

If you don't know where you are going, every road will get you nowhere.

- Henry Kissinger, Statesman

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

- John 14:5-6

"he went out, not knowing where he was going"

- Hebrews 11:8

When it comes to business and politics, the wise men say it is very important to know where you are going and what you'll find when you get there. According to Henry Kissinger's advice, it was perfectly reasonable for the man Thomas to ask for directions to Heaven, and it was perfect foolishness for Abraham to set out on a journey without knowing where he was going.

But for both Thomas and Abraham it was enough to know God – enough to know that God was leading, enough to know that the God who leads the way is both sovereign and good. The business of faith is listen to God's voice in His Word and in our spirit, and to trust that He knows the way.

It is not important to know where we are going or what we will do when we get there, if we will just believe that God knows what He is doing both now and then. Five-year-plans and progress reports are the stuff of business and political diplomacy. The substance of faith is to trust God with every step.

Maybe He keeps us on a need-to-know basis because we would so seldom understand the wisdom of His plans for us beforehand. Why this struggle? Why that disappointment? Why this challenge? Why now? But if we keep a tight grip on His guiding hand along the way, we will learn to sing from our hearts with the Lord's servant David of the glories and joys of a truly successful life.

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23)*

Yours in the Savior,

Chris