

The Journey

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

(2Co 3:18)

Set the right course!

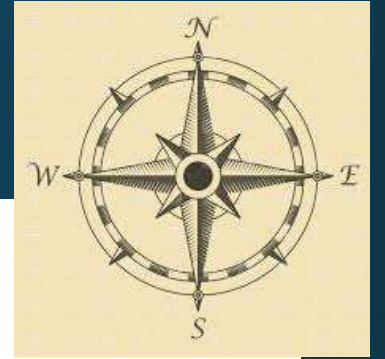
- Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: **forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead**, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- (Php 3:13-14)
- Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- (Col 3:1-3)

So where are we going?

- Ask rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain-- The LORD who makes the storm clouds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to *each* man.
- (Zec 10:1)
- Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- (Joh 14:6)



Journey of Intimacy



Points along the journey

- 1) Salvation by grace
- even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;
- (Eph 2:5-8)

Points along the journey

- 2) We are Changed – grow in purity & holiness
- and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- (Eph 4:24)
- Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind *or* short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.
- (2Pe 1:5-9)

Points along the journey

- 3) Live as receivers and givers of Grace & Mercy
- Mat v 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- Luk v 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
- Mat v 6:14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- Joh v1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
- Rom v 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.
- 2Co v 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Points along the journey

- 4) In true Humility

- Jas_4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."
- Jas_4:10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.
- 1Pe_3:8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

Points along the journey

- 5) In His presence

- They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

- (Gen 3:8)

- For You make him most blessed forever; You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence.

- (Psa 21:6)

- 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.

- (Psa 16:11)

- Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
- (Jud 1:24-25)