

Luke 10:39 KJV “She had a sister named Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.”

NEWSLETTER: “MOMENTS WITH MARY”

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“THE JOURNEY”

Psalm 139:3 LB “You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment, You know where I am.”

Psalm 23:1-4 LB “Because the LORD is my Shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams. He gives me new strength. He helps me do what honors Him. Even when walking through the dark valley of death I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me, guarding and guiding all the way.”

At certain times in our lives we plan on taking trips for business, family visits or simply for pleasure. We journey from one place to another for a specific reason. Each trip has a definite purpose and needs some planning as to the course of action that is needed or desired. As we prepare for the journey, we anticipate the good things that lie in store for us on our arrival. We do not expect difficulties along the way, but if we are wise, we will stay alert just in case!

How do we react when something unexpected occurs? When we travel on unfamiliar roads or experience delays due to construction, repairs, accidents or storms, do we respond with anger or can we *take it is stride, so to speak!* It seems someone else is always aware of or influenced by our reactions or responses to these unexpected delays or interruptions to our journey! Do we feel we have lost our way and panic? Are we calm while all these things are happening around us? When our plans are interfered with, *do we lose it?* Just maybe *GOD* planned this unscheduled stop for your life!

There are Rest Stops along major highways. Our cars and bodies need fuel! At these Rest Stops we meet people from many different walks of life! You may feel a kindred spirit with some, but for others, there is a *warning signal* that disturbs you within! I believe this is a way the LORD has of telling us to be aware of certain dangers! *Are we to interact with anyone?* Each person you meet has a story to tell. Some will share it freely, but others put up a shield for whatever reasons are important to them. We will not ever see most of these people again! Do we keep our distance or speak to them? The LORD wants us to be sensitive to His leading! (Ps.139:3)

When we become Born Again, there is an excitement in us and encouragement from others as we begin our Spiritual Journey! While we enjoy these new beginnings and feel bathed in God’s love, at some point along the way, we may suddenly find ourselves feeling alone! Now the path before us may seem dark and dangerous! You cannot see around the next bend of the road! Our first fear may be that somehow God has abandoned you. *It is at this point you must remind yourself of God’s Promises!*

Isaiah 42:16 KJV “I will bring them by a way they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things I do unto them, and forsake them not.”

When we seem to be blind and helpless and wonder if we are even on the right road, God will lead us through to victory! As we trust Him and call upon His Name, He will straighten out the crooked paths before us so we can see with spiritual eyes! We have this assurance, He will never forsake us! Thank You LORD! When we reach a crossroad, if we pause and listen we will hear His voice behind us say, “This is the way, walk ye in it!” (Isa.3021 KJV) Sometimes the LORD has to walk behind us to give us a boost!

Though out our life journey, we will experience times of encouragement and help. At other times it will seem that all has forsaken us, even God, and there is nothing left for us except His Promises! Is that enough? Do we react with fear or respond with steadfast thanksgiving that He will never leave us nor forsake us? When we can't seem to hear or see Him, will we still trust Him?

Jeremiah 29:11-13 KJV “For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye search for me with all your heart.”

We must keep our final destination in mind or we can get sidetracked or take a wrong turn. God has the total plan for our life a future and a hope! When we feel discouraged, seek the LORD with all your heart! The closer we get to our New Home in Heaven, there are sure to be obstacles that try to detour us! Keep alert! Consult your roadmap (Bible) often, for it gives us assurance we are on the right road! His road leads us right into Heaven and the Presence of our dear Savior! He will light our pathway and guide us on in our journey of life!

Proverbs 4:18 LB “But the good man walks along in the ever brightening light of God's favor. The dawn gives way to morning splendor!”

ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS ALONG THE WAY!

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“LIFE'S JOURNEY”

“As I start down the pathway below, there are many dangers and rough places I know!
Going over meadows, deep ravines and many a hill, yet God's Presence is with me still!
I take courage from God's Holy Word, embracing trust and comfort from the Message I heard,
Until the troubles and rest of my life is past, and I am safely Home with Jesus at last!” MM

Phil. 1:6 KJV “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

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