

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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The Road Less Traveled

- Bob Prichard

Robert Frost's 1916 poem, "The Road Not Taken," is one of the most often quoted poems of all time. The poet speaks of two roads, each "just as fair," but the traveler chose one, concluding "I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Frost indicated that most have misunderstood the poem. The choice was actually random—the traveler didn't know which was best. The difference wasn't from a wise choice, but a random choice.

In life, we often have to choose between two roads that seem equally good or bad. We don't know which road is better, because we cannot see the end of the road with either choice. We just have to choose. But what we must always remember is that when we choose the beginning of the road, we also choose the end of the road. That is why it is so important that we not only choose the right road in life, but that we periodically evaluate the road we are now on, to see if we should change roads.

Saul of Tarsus was on the road to Damascus to persecute Christians. He entered the city as a blind man, and exited as a follower of the Christ he persecuted. The Lord told Ananias, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:15-16). As Ananias taught him, Saul counted the cost (Luke 14:28) of starting on the road of service to Jesus Christ, and immediately obeyed when Ananias commanded him to be baptized (Acts 22:16).

Jesus warned that there are two ways—the broad way of the world and the narrow way of following Him. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). The narrow way is definitely "the road less traveled." But it makes all the difference—not only in this life, but in the world to come. Are you on the right road today? Is it time for a change?

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October
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9:00 AM

2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Sons of Thunder

Luke 9:51-56

I. Zealous.

- A. They were dedicated- Matthew 4:21-22, Matthew 17:1, 26:36-37, John 19:26, 20:1-4
- B. They were fervent- John 20:30-31, 1 John 2:22, 4:1, 3 John 9-10

II. Courageous.

- A. Jesus warned them that they would suffer- Matthew 20:23, Acts 12:1-2, Revelation 1:9
- B. B. We must possess the same courage- 1 Corinthians 2:3-4, Acts 18:9, 1 Peter 3:13-15, 4:13, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

III. Misguided.

- A. They had forgotten Jesus' mission- Luke 9:54-55, John 10:10, Hebrews 9:28, 10:19-20
- B. We must not forget our mission- Proverbs 11:30, Acts 26:28-29, Colossians 4:2-6

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (Refrain at end)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 589 Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 822 Heaven Came Down (Vs. 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-56

Sermon

Song: 454 Nothing but the Blood

Song: 404 Looking to Thee (Vs. 1)

Prayer

Luke 9:51-56

A	E	C	F	M	N	I	N	E	C	A	M	E	E
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HEAVEN
LIVES
VILLAGE
FACE
JOHN
PREPARE
STEADFASTLY
HIM
MESSENGERS
MANNER
JOURNEY
JAMES
CAME
TIME
ELIJAH
FIRE
REBUKED
JERUSALEM
DISCIPLES
SAVE
RECEIVED
LORD
ENTERED
PASS

Luke 9:51-56 (NKJV)

- ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,
- ⁵² and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.
- ⁵³ But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.
- ⁵⁴ And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"
- ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.
- ⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save *them*." And they went to another village.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23