

The Journey

REVIEW from Last Week - Life is a journey! - Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus, and the disciples detailed their life journeys.

Just as your life matters, counts, so your journey matters, makes a difference!

1. **Our mission** - what we were made/what we are here for, Mark 10:45
2. **Significance** - who you are and what you do in life matter
3. **The need for love and to love** - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
4. **God Moments:** we must look for, expect, and embrace them!

The Journey - Roadblocks and Detours 2-15-15

Exodus 13:17-22 Yes, GOD led them through the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land. 40 years and 42 Journeys for the children of Israel

Even on an "impossible God journey" we will encounter _____. Many of these obstacles, these detours and roadblocks may be our _____ or God's _____.

_____ - to turn aside; a roundabout way, a deviation from a direct way; a route used when the direct or regular route is closed; a circuitous way.

_____ -1. barrier set up across a road by the police or military, in order to stop a fugitive, inspect traffic, etc 2. a difficulty or obstacle to progress

Reasons for detours and roadblocks:

1. **Sometimes the _____ is detoured and the road blocked** due to our own doubt, _____, sin, and allowing discouragement to defeat us. Isaiah 59:1-2
Do we heed the warning signs of a roadblock or a detour?
2. **God often _____ the detours for our protection, learning, and that we might be in his timing.**

God detours and roadblocks...

1. _____ **God and His _____** (Isaiah 40:31).
2. **Put us in the right direction.** Acts 16 when Paul (and Timothy) were looking for direction on his second missionary journey. Luke tells us that Paul tried to go into western Asia but "the Lord prevented him."
3. **Detours can allow us to see and experience God's _____ and _____.** Numbers 9

Some things to remember about detours and roadblocks:

- God can turn roadblocks into _____!

We can discover the hand of God in the detour - The Story of Joseph

- _____, keep going, do not quit or retreat.
- Wait on the Lord, not doubting His _____, learning to believe in the dark what God has shown in the light, learning to follow without explanation.

When considering the detours in your spiritual journey, keep in mind this promise: (Jeremiah 29:11)

Hebrews 12:1-2 The detour you're facing doesn't have to be a _____ - _____! Detours can lead to destiny! don't despise your God detours!

Questions:

What's your response when things don't go as you had planned?

What do you do when you expected life to take you one place, only to end up at another? How do you handle the disappointments of marriage, work, relationships, and finances?

When you end up where you don't want to be because of a detour or roadblock, what do you do?

Are we allowing the cloud and the fire (the Holy Spirit) to lead us?

Romans 6:19-23 in THE MESSAGE