

Hope in Uncertain Times

Way, Truth & Life: Part 3 - Way



Welcome, or welcome back if you're a regular listener, to The Fuelcast and also to:

"Hope in Uncertain Times" - because these times are uncertain for everybody and everybody is looking for hope.

Today is the third of six, from this passage, where Jesus declares I am the way, the truth and the life and I want to highlight, for you, the word 'way'.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

Thomas was one of Jesus' closest twelve disciples and I don't know about you, but I'm always glad to have someone like him around – the person who blurts out what I'm thinking, but I'm never going to say. I'm convinced Thomas wasn't the only hear thinking:

'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus responds by declaring: 'I am the way'. It was the night before Jesus was crucified. In this moment, it doesn't appear Thomas, or probably any of them fully realised that. But they would remember this conversation and join the dots between Jesus, His Death & Their Life.

I shall be eternally grateful, quite literally, Jesus has joined those dots for me and maybe you are too. But here's what I'm hearing today:

Because Jesus is the way, I'm being called me to re-align my direction, today, with his way. Have you allowed Jesus to graciously join the dots for you? I hope so, because for me, knowing Jesus is the way, makes so much difference today, it's not something I'm waiting for when my time comes to die on earth, I'm on the way today and you can be too.

When I plug my Sat Nav into the car, I enter the destination. Getting there, however, is not automatic. I still have to pay attention at every junction and follow the arrows. As in life, I make mistakes and go off track, but at every junction I can choose to get back on route towards my destination.

It's the decision at the next junction I'm wanting to align with Jesus way **today**

In that conversation I know will be difficult: Lord help me be gracious and compassionate.

In that phone call I know will not be welcomed: Lord help me be understanding and kind.

In that relationship I know will be tense: Lord help me to be patient and truly desire the best for them.

There will be many decisions at different junctions for each of us today.

Father God, help me to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. Give me the wisdom I need to make decisions, at every junction, which reflect his character in every dimension, in my shoes.

In Jesus name. Amen.

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