

Patrick and Connie Karn

God's Way



“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9

If you want to see examples of this truth, read any book of the Bible. Whether it's God's military strategy given to Joshua to defeat Jericho or to Gideon to defeat an innumerable army with only 300 unarmed men; the escape route given to Moses through the Red Sea or the lesson plan given for Job's education, God's wisdom defies our logic. Again, Peter said, “This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.” Who saw that coming? Who, but God, would have devised that plan?!

Or, consider the early church. Before His ascension, Jesus told His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father and be clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24) They asked, “Lord is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He responded, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:6-8

I bet they were excited. I can only imagine some vision of receiving power to conquer their oppressors and set up reign from the holy city with the temple being the center of worship danced in their heads. Early on it looked like that indeed was the plan. Their numbers grew, angels were getting them out of jail and the temple was where they preached their message. The message blanketed Jerusalem and the church grew...in Jerusalem. What about all of Judea and Samaria and the end of the earth?

Enter jealous religious leaders. Enraged by Stephen's scathing sermon, they'd had enough! They stoned Stephen and persecuted the church, throwing them into prison. Those who could, fled... to the regions of Judea and Samaria. What a send off for the first missionaries! But here is where God's plan gets even more “illogical”. The high priest sanctions a head hunter named Saul to go hunt down and arrest those who fled and bring them back to imprison them. Saul becomes enemy #1 of “the Way”. God decides Saul is His candidate for the #1 proclaimer of “The Way”. He arrests Saul's heart and not only changes his plans, He sanctions Saul to be the #1 missionary not only to the Jews, but also to the Gentiles of the world. Who saw that coming? Certainly not the early church, or anyone!

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I meet many Christians angry with God; their faith frozen, their growth stunted and their lives miserable as they sit, like Jonah did, waiting for God to do things their way. That isn't going to happen. As Christians, we are told to walk by faith and not by sight. We may find ourselves in terrible circumstances, not able to see what God is doing, but we know He knows. Rest in the knowledge that God does amazing things...His way. There is always a gold, silver or precious stone lining if we just trust Him for the next step from where ever we are.

Reaching, restoring and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ through the truth of God's Word

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Ministry Update

We've moved our office location to 220 Krebs Dr. We want to thank Mark Falcon at Loyal Plumbing for giving us space in their building for the last 2 1/2 years! Our little office was the sight of great healing. We were privileged to be a part of marriages being healed, to offer hope to the grieving, to see many afflicted with anxiety find peace, and witness souls be born again. We got to see God re-plumb the hearts of many!

We are asking the Lord for more prayer and financial partners for the ministry. Please pray with us for both. We want to ask you to consider us in your end of year giving. Visit our web site for more information.

We want to thank you all for all the ways you encourage and support us in the calling we have from God. You are such a blessing to us!

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