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ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *August 4-9, 2025*

INTRODUCTION

Many spaces we walk have warnings – or even aids available – when the terrain changes and the navigation becomes trickier than walking in a straight line. Stairs have rails to hold on to. Curbs are painted for visibility. Roads have designated crosswalk areas to safely avoid the hazards of vehicular traffic. Our metaphorical walk of life often doesn't have signals that warn us as strongly as we need them to when we start to veer off of our intended path or have a hazard on the horizon. In this week's devotionals, we'll examine what scripture has to say about staying on the right path.

Monday: Ephesians 5:15-20

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he lays out significant guidance on what it looks like to "live as children of the light" (5:8). In today's passage, he contrasts being "drunk with wine" with being "filled by the Spirit." An example he gives is to "sing and make music from your heart." What song is your heart singing today? A song of praise? A lament? Take a moment and consider what words you want to guide your day to live "filled by the Spirit."

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:3-5

The book of Isaiah gives imagery of rugged topography being leveled to make a path for the Lord to be in that place. The high mountains, the deep valleys... all of it becoming a smooth plain. What areas of your life are like geographical barriers that make it hard for God to be present? How can you reform those places to let God in?

Wednesday: Matthew 7:13-14

Jesus teaches that the easy path is the one that "leads to destruction." When is a time in your life that you took the easy path and it caused pain? When is a time that you took the more difficult path but were rewarded for it?

Thursday: John 14:5-14

The apostle Thomas – later to become known as "doubting Thomas" for questioning Jesus' resurrection unless he could feel Jesus' scars – asked Jesus a question that undoubtedly has come up in your own walk of faith: "how can we know the way?" When have you felt stuck without knowing which way to go – in a practical sense or metaphorical sense? How did you choose the next steps? How can believing that "Jesus is the way" guide you when you encounter that situation again?

Friday: Jeremiah 6:16-19

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the people of Israel, warning them of what dire circumstances lie ahead if they don't follow God. Does it seem overly simplified to "ask where the good way is, and walk in it?" When have you encountered a situation where you made things complicated, only to find that the simple answer was the correct one? How can you apply what you learned from that situation to your spiritual walk?

MOVING FORWARD

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..." (Jesus, Matthew 6:33)

As you walk on the narrow road that leads to life this week, may you seek the ways that are God-honoring, making the way for God to lead in your life. May the barriers you build not serve as a means to keep God out, but to protect yourself from veering off of the path. Seek to walk in the way that leads to life; and seek to help others to walk in that way as well.