

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

PASTOR STAN'S FAVORITE QUOTES

This book will make a traveler of thee,
If by its counsel thou wilt ruled be...
(John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*, p. xxi)

Midway along the journey of our life
I woke to find myself in a dark wood,
For I had wandered off from the straight path.
(Dante. First lines of *The Inferno*)

But I brought them back, back to the hollow ships, streaming tears -
I forced them, hauled them under the rowing benches, lashed them fast
And shouted out commands to my other, steady comrades:
"Quick, no time to lose, embark in the racing ships!" -
So none could eat the lotus, forget the voyage home.
(Homer, *The Odyssey*, p. 214)

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
(Robert Frost, from *The Road Not Taken*)

You (God) have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.
(Augustine, *Confessions*, p. 3)

The only ultimate disaster that can befall us, I have come to realize, is
to feel ourselves to be at home here on earth. As long as we are aliens, we cannot forget our true
homeland, which is that other kingdom (Jesus) proclaimed.
(Malcolm Muggeridge, *Jesus Rediscovered*, p. 47f.)

Something has been calling you all the days of your life. You've heard it on the wind and in the music
you love, in laughter and in tears, and most especially in the stories that have ever captured your heart.
There *is* a secret written on your heart. A valiant Hero-Lover and his Beloved. An Evil One and a great
battle to fight. A Journey and a Quest, more dangerous and more thrilling than you could imagine. A
little Fellowship to see you through. This is the gospel of Christianity. Now - what is *your* part?
(John Eldredge, *Epic*, p. 100)

Man has always lost his way. He has been a tramp ever since Eden; but he always knew, or thought
he knew, what he was looking for... For the first time in history he begins really to doubt the object of
his wanderings on earth. He has always lost his way; but now he has lost his address.
(G. K. Chesterton, *What's Wrong with the World*)

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. (Lao Tzu)

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in
a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.
(Exodus 13:21)

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 straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Follow me.... (Jesus, Mark 1:17)