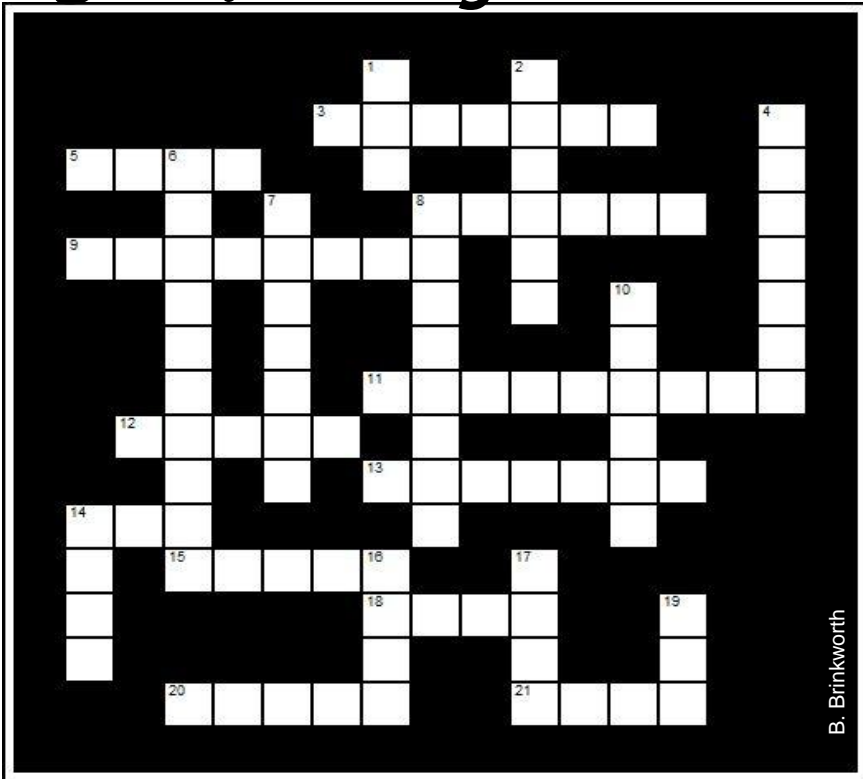


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| 5. promise               | 15. Cain's son            | 4. Jesus               | 17. O. T. king       |
| 8. prophetic book        | 18. 15th O. T. book       | 6. 1st "church"        | 19. Jacob's son      |
| 9. tax collector         | 20. father of harp        | 7. Jeremiah's father   |                      |
| 11. Nehemiah             | 21. Samson killed         | 8. sin                 |                      |
| 12. offered strange fire |                           | 10. created on 5th day |                      |
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*"The reason we don't reclaim all our children from worldliness is because we begin too late. Parents wait until their children lie before they teach them the value of truth. They wait until their children swear before they teach them importance of righteous conversation. They wait until their children are all wrapped up in this world before they tell them of a better world. They're too late with prayers and discipline. You put all care upon your children between 12 and 18. Why do you not put the chief care between four and nine? It is too late to repair a vessel when it has gotten of the dry-dock!"* — T. DeWitt Talmage

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## An Honest Prayer



On January 1, 1996, Pastor Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas House of Representatives. Everyone was expecting the usual generalities in the prayer. To their surprise this is the prayer they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness, and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done.

"We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism.

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## Follow the Detour

By Bill Brinkworth

*"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*  
Proverbs 3:6

No one likes the aggravation of changing their travel plans by a detour in the road. The signs put up by the road's work crew point us in a direction that is not what we had planned. One has to change direction another way. We are not in control. We have to follow someone else's plan in getting us where we want to go.

"Who do those construction people think they are? Making me go this long way. Why, I just want to go a little way down the road," one usually grumbles under his breathe.

However, they obey the signs and the flagman, and get there safely.

They may not have had that testimony if they did not obey their directions.

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We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism; we have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyles; we have exploited the poor and called it the lottery; we have rewarded laziness and called it welfare; we have killed our unborn and called it choice; we have shot abortionists and called it justifiable; we have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem; we have abused power and called it politics; we have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition; we have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression; we have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will

We ask this in the name of Your Son, the living Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen."

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright was pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church has received international

requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa, and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on "The Rest of The Story" on the radio and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

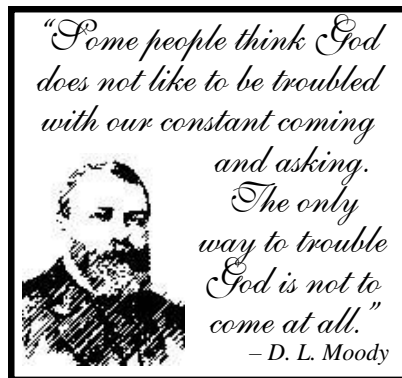
Oh, if we would have more Christians like that that would stand up and speak the truth!

## Follow the Detour

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Too many ignore the "flagman" God has put in their path to move them in another direction. Maybe that test you failed, even though you "studied your brains out," was a "flagman" to get you to know and later witness to a tutor. Perhaps, it was intended to build your perseverance. If you cheated, and passed, you would not be going down the road God had planned for you.

Maybe the family split, although not God's first plan, had something you could learn from. Sticking-it out and praying through the problem will help



**"GOD HAS ONE SON WITHOUT SIN, BUT HE NEVER HAD A SON WITHOUT TRIAL."**

- Spurgeon

you; so divorce never happens in your life. Maybe, after going through that terrible event, you will be able to minister to others in that situation. Running away from that situation would be going through the "detour".

No one likes or wants a serious illness. Yet in the dark, scary valley the sickness takes one, it is probably the time the patient is the closest to God. It is most likely the time when the most prayers are cried out, and when trusting in the Lord is the greatest.

Use your imagination as to how God could use the bad things in your life for His and your good. He is aware of your roadblock. A Christian is to be sensitive to the leading, as well as the halting of the Lord. Give Him credit for all that happens in your life, and He will direct your path. Trials and detours are many times intended to get us closer to God; so that we can see His wondrous hand in our lives.

## God's Hall of Fame

*Author Unknown*

*Your name may not appear down here  
In this world's Hall of Fame;  
In fact, you may be so unknown  
That no one knows your name.*

*The Oscars here may pass you by,  
And flashing lights of blue;  
But, if you love and serve the Lord,  
Then I have news for you!*

*This Hall of Fame is only good  
As long as time shall be;  
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame  
Is for eternity!*

*To have your name inscribed up there  
Is greater, yes by far  
Than all the Halls of Fame down here,  
And every man-made star.*

*This crowd on earth, they soon forget  
The heroes of the past.  
They cheer like mad until you fall,  
And that's how long you last!*

*But God, He never does forget,  
And in His Hall of Fame  
By just believing in His Son,  
Inscribed you will find your name.*

*I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade  
My name, however small,  
That's written there beyond the stars  
In that celestial Hall.*

*For every famous name on earth  
Or glory that they share:  
I'd rather be an unknown here,  
And have my name up there!*