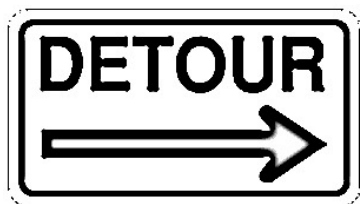


Follow the Detour



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

No one likes the aggravation of being slowed down in going to his destination by a road detour. 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." But, we obey the signs and the flagman, and we get there safely. We may have not had that testimony, if we didn't obey them.

Too many ignore the "flagman" God has put in our path to move us 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, or 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, has something you could learn from. Sticking-it out and praying through the problem will help you so divorce never happens to

you, or you can minister to others in that situation. Running away from that situation would be going through the "detour".

Use your imagination to see how God could use the bad things in your life for His and your good. He is aware of your roadblock.

A Christian should be sensitive to the leading and as well as the halting of the Lord. Give Him credit for all that happens in your life, and He will direct it!


Who Should Not Give to Missions


Author Unknown

- * Those who believe that Jesus made a mistake when He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ."
- * Those who do not believe that the gospel of Christ "...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."
- * Those who wish that no missionary had come to their forefathers and would prefer to still be heathen.
- * Those who believe that everyone in the world should worry about themselves and not help others.
- * Those who believe that God will not hold them accountable with the money He allowed them to earn and have.

Some people go through life standing at the complaint counter.

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Obituary

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglect Church on Worldly Avenue.



Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and bible study, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees and coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last, she was but a shadow of her former, happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her

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When God Says "Enough"

God is so good to give us many chances to turn from our sin and to turn to him. Too many confuse His mercy and grace with His toleration and allowance of sin. Although different for each person, one day God's forbearance for sin will stop and God's lesson for us or the consequences of our iniquity will begin.

The sin of Noah's day was raging. None of it escaped God's eye. People of the time thought that they had gotten away with it. Their wickedness waxed worse. God saw "that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was evil continually" – Genesis 6:5. God was even sorry that He had created man. It was time for the wage for their sin to be paid and for their sin to cease.

In all the sinful chaos, God did see one righteous man, Noah. After him, his family, and selected animals were safely inside the ark Noah built, God's actions said, "Enough of that sin." The

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world-wide flood put an end to their evil-doings. In this case, God's people were spared the consequences. Man had another opportunity to start over again thanks to one man's not doing what everyone else was doing.

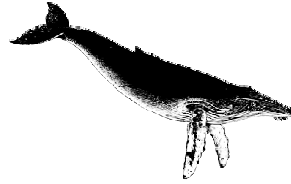
Man's sinful nature still remained, however. Iniquity will always be a battle, and it continued especially in the twin cities, Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). After tolerating their iniquities for so long, there came a time when God would no longer put up with their sins of sodomy and other sexual sins. It was apparently "enough" for God. Shortly, after God's own were removed, the city was destroyed. Nothing of life there remained. Grace had ended for their sin.

Jonah also learned that there was a limit to the trespasses God would put up with. Perhaps he thought he had gotten away with his disobedience of not going to Ninevah, as he was commanded. Maybe he even thought his going to Tarshish was an acceptable substitute to God.

Shortly, Jonah learned otherwise. As a pounding tempest pummeled the ship and crew, the wayward child of God learned that God was saying, "Enough. You're going no further in your sin." The rest of the story tells how God got Jonah's attention, and how his

heart was changed to willingly want to obey his Creator.

In the early church at Rome, there came a time when God's people felt God's "enough", but much differently.



They thought they knew better and purposed to ignore His commands. They thought they were so smart. They didn't receive a lesson to teach them to obey their Father. Instead, the time for grace and second chances had passed. God let them reap the consequences of their own sins. It was as if God had said, "You want to continue to sin so badly, I will allow it to take its natural course and destroy you." Three times God stated that He gave them over to their sin.

All throughout the Bible, a merciful God has tried to get His children to do right. Today is no different. He desires that we obey the first time. Many have lost and suffered much because they did not. His goodness in teaching us only goes so far. Some have faced jail, failure in school, loss of friends, accidents, a destroyed marriage, and many other consequences to get their attention to turn to God. God desired them to "learn and turn". Others have hardened their sinful hearts, and were on their own and reaped devastation.

***IS SIN SO LUSCIOUS THAT YOU
WOULD BURN IN HELL FOR IT?***

-Spurgeon

If we're saved and trusting in God's way, we have His promise of Heaven, but even we battle sin. No one in their right mind wants to pay its penalty. While the heart is still sensitive and unhardened is the time to repent of its violation, before God has to deal with it. Be a fast learner in this area, not a slow learner.

Do not confuse God's mercy and graciousness with license to sin. No sin is okay. There could be a time at hand where God has to say to you, "enough". Shudder at the thought. Why go through the trials and testings? Obey and serve him now. Some, sadly sin without remedy. Obey and repent now before it is too late.

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loved ones now busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusements.

Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reformer, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness. They administered large doses of organization, socials, contests, and drives, but to no avail. A post-mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with lack of faith, heartfelt religion, and a general support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power.

In honor of her passing, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, except the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society will serve refreshments to the men's softball team.

- Author Unknown

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Galatians 6:7-8

"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail."

Proverbs 22:8

Where Will You Spend Eternity?

Author Unknown

Friend, have you thought of this?

When life is o'er, where will you be,

*If now the way you miss?
Can you escape if you neglect
All that the Lord has done?*

What mercy then can you expect,

If you refuse God's Son?

Now is the time to heed God's call -

*Christ is the only way;
Trust unto Him your life, your all,*

*Do it without delay;
Blessed assurance you will find*

*If you will believe,
For there is joy and peace of mind*

To all who Christ receive.