



# Lifeline

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at Galena



## Welcome to the Neighborhood

No love had been lost between the Jews and Samaritans since the days of the Return when Samaritan leaders intrigued continually to prevent the rebuilding of Jerusalem. In Jesus' day, the relationship was still bitter. Jews had no dealings with Samaritans (John 4:9) and used the term as an ultimate expression of abuse (John 8:48). The villages of Samaria in turn were not hospitable to Jews traveling through the region to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-55). During the reign of Claudius Caesar, some Samaritans massacred a group of Jewish pilgrims in the northern border village of Ginae (Antiquities, XX, xi, 1).

This explains why Jesus used a Samaritan to illustrate the meaning of neighbor love. It spoke directly to Jewish prejudice. In the Lord's story, this half-breed outcast was the only one with sufficient compassion to stop and help a desperately wounded man (Luke 10:25-37). More than merely touched by the tragedy of the man, the Samaritan acted. He gently tended his wounds and transported him to the nearest inn where he made provision for his complete care. This was no grand but short-lived gesture. His concern and involvement were total.

By the time Jesus had finished telling the story of the man robbed and beaten by thieves and had concluded it by asking, "Who proved neighbor to him that fell among the robbers?", the lawyer who had begun this conversation was likely wishing he had never opened his mouth. He had evidently raised the question about what one had to do to inherit eternal life merely for argument's sake, but Jesus had compelled him to answer his own question. He had asked the question about who his

neighbor was only to rescue himself from embarrassment, but now he must answer again. Unwilling even to identify the Samaritan, the lawyer says, "He that showed mercy on him." Whereupon Jesus moves everything from theory to practice. "Go, and do likewise," He said.

Luke does not record the impact of all this upon the lawyer. One thing is sure. He had learned a great deal about the size of his neighborhood. It was as wide as the world, and his neighbor was anyone who needed his help.

There were other lessons, too. The priest and Levite were wrong to put sacrifice ahead of goodness. Loving God does not make one merciless toward men. Jesus had once made this point from the words of Hosea: "For I desire goodness and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings" (6:6; Matthew 9:13). John would later put it in plain terms. "If a man say I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar; for he that does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). Even an appointment to worship God cannot be used to justify turning one's back on the suffering. If we find ourselves in our passion for God abandoning all consideration of others, we can be assured that we are under the control of a misbegotten passion. Some are of the tragically mistaken persuasion that any abuse of others is justified when one is trying to maintain the truth of God.

A further lesson is found in the truth that the Samaritan was not responding to some nobility in the unfortu-

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nate stranger. He had no idea of the man's moral character. Neighbor love is not a response to the goodness in others, but to their need. Had the man fallen into such desperate straits by his own carelessness it would have changed nothing. He could have been a Jew who had himself treated Samaritans with contempt or simply by his race stirred memories of the injustices of others. It is not easy to forget old injuries and they get readily generalized to whole populations. But true neighbor love moves only out of concern for what in similar circumstances one would want for himself. It is not a response to the thoughtfulness of others, but a pure act of love toward those who may never have befriended us in any way.

Finally, there is this fundamental, over-arching lesson. When asked about how to obtain eternal life, Jesus sent the lawyer right back to the Scripture. In our search for answers to transcendent questions we are unduly disposed to think the Bible too difficult to yield clear answers. The Lord knows better. The word of God is clear enough for those who want to do His will. Were we today to have opportunity to stand in the very presence of the Son of God and raise our difficult questions with Him, He would say to us what He said to that Jewish lawyer, "What is written in the word of God? What is your reading of it?" The answers are there if only we have the courage to receive and apply them. ☒

- Paul Earnhart  
Christianity Magazine

## Where Are You Going?

A quaint inscription was found on a gravestone in an old British cemetery not far from Windsor Castle. It read:

Pause, my friend, as you walk by;  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, so you will be.  
Prepare, my friend, to follow me!

A visitor read that epitaph and added these lines:

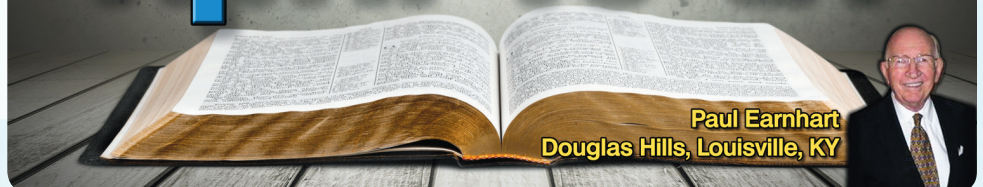
To follow you is not my intent,  
Until I know which way you went!

That is a good thought, isn't it? Where are you going  
when life ends?

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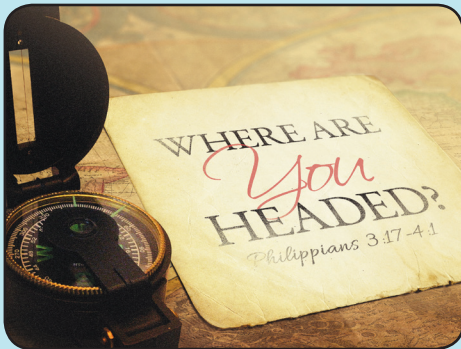
## Special Series of Bible Studies April 16-21



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## Where Are You Headed?

(Philippians 3:17—4:1)

**Introduction:** The beginning of every journey starts with a destination. Where are we headed? What is our goal? What happens when we get off course? How do we get back? In Philippians 3:20-21, Paul addresses what should be the underlying motive of everything we do as Christians. Heaven is our primary occupation. This is what motivates us. We want to see the Savior.

### I. Have the Proper \_\_\_\_\_ on This Life

- A) 3:14 the time is coming when Jesus will call us to meet Him and we will forever be with Him. That's our focus.
- B) We must get away from our preoccupation with this world and this life.
- C) 3:20 our citizenship is in heaven.
  - 1. We are not citizens of this world.
  - 2. Citizenship comes from a word that means "colony of foreigners."

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Await the Savior

- A) 3:20b The Lord is in heaven and He's coming back. See John 14:13
  - 1. 3:20b we are not waiting on an event we are waiting on a person.
- B) Romans 8:18-23 - we groan, long for, what is to come.
  - 1. 2 Peter 3:12 - looking forward to & hastening the coming day of God.
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 3:13-14 - one day there will be a testing of our work.
  - 3. This knowledge should motivate us to be earnest in our pursuit. Our walk with Christ should be pursued with all \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1 Corinthians 4:5
- C) We need to live in light of the 2nd coming. See John 6:39-40.
- D) 3:20 - we eagerly await this event. (NASU).

### III. Envision the \_\_\_\_\_

- A) The Bible does it's best to describe heaven in terms we can relate to.
  - 1. Ezekiel 1:20-28 - We can't comprehend its beauty.
  - 2. Revelation 21-22 - How is heaven described?
- B) Heaven is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_. It is beyond our mind's grasp.

### IV. Long for a New \_\_\_\_\_

- A) 3:21 - Won't it be great to be rid of this body?
- B) Our body will be transformed into a new body suited for spiritual life.
- C) What will it be like? See 1 Corinthians 15:39-55.
  - a. 15:42 - We will be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. 15:43-44 - We will be raised to perfection and holiness.
- D) 1 John 3:2 - We'll dwell in God's full \_\_\_\_\_ filled with love, joy, & peace.
- E) 3:21 - All of this is possible by the power of Jesus.

### Conclusion:

- A) Are you moving in the right direction?
- B) As we go along, there is motivation, accountability, and promise.
- C) Where is your focus? Don't get distracted and miss it.

## LORD'S SUPPER MEDITATION



### Why Did Jesus Come to Die? ...To Bear Our Griefs & Carry Our Sorrows

"He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted."  
(Isaiah 53:3-4)

## Blockades on the Broad Path (Romans 10:14-17)

**Introduction:** Throughout New Testament scripture two main points continue to surface. 1) God is concerned about men and wants them to go to heaven. 2) Hell is a real place of punishment and we don't want to go there. Being a God of grace, God tries to help us by setting blockades before us on the broad path we often choose.

### I. He Has Placed His \_\_\_\_\_ Before Us (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3)

- A) Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:15
- B) 1 Peter 1:22-23, By His word we are \_\_\_\_\_
- C) 1 Peter 2:2, By His word we \_\_\_\_\_
- D) Psalm 119:11, By His word we overcome \_\_\_\_\_
- E) John 12:48, By His word we will \_\_\_\_\_

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ is a Blockade (Romans 10:14-17)

- A) Preaching communicates the \_\_\_\_\_, sound doctrine, the truth  
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)
- B) Preaching reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ (Ephesians 3:8-10)
- C) Preaching leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4:6)
- D) Preaching addresses our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 6:1-2)

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship is a Blockade

- A) Home is under attack – for good reason, it's foundational
  - 1. Government wants to dictate – \_\_\_\_\_, education, \_\_\_\_\_, character
  - 2. Parents seeking after self – \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- B) Originator of the home still directs us
  - 1. Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 6:4; 6:1-3; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:24
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Respect for \_\_\_\_\_, understanding, \_\_\_\_\_

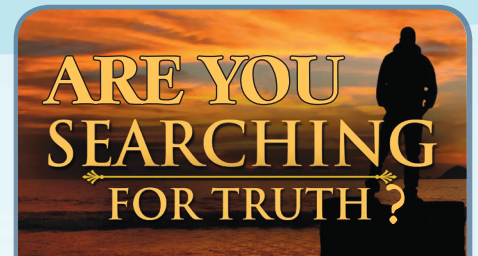
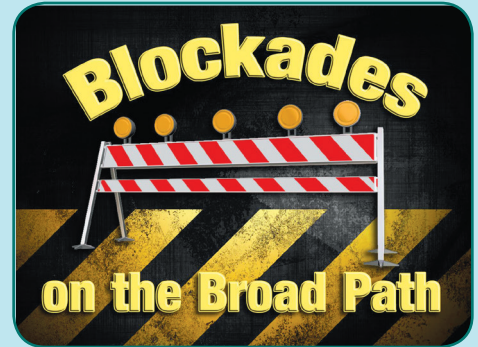
### IV. Living \_\_\_\_\_ are a Blockade

- A) Influence works in the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 3:2)
- B) Influence works in the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 4:12, 16)
- C) Influence works in the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 2:12)
- D) Jesus tells us to use our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:16)

### V. Jesus Himself Is The Ultimate Blockade

- A) His \_\_\_\_\_ mission (Luke 19:10)
- B) His \_\_\_\_\_ purpose (John 10:14-15)
- C) His \_\_\_\_\_ message (Mark 16:15-16)
- D) If a man perishes from his own sin...
  - 1. ...it will be his \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:24)

**Conclusion:** God has blockaded the road if we will head His warnings. Will you circumvent God's blockade or go in the proper direction?



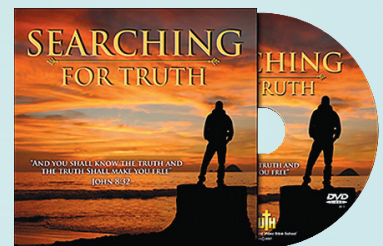
Have you ever wondered if there is real truth out there? Are you searching for truth?

Real, honest, understandable truth can be found in Jesus and His word, the Bible.

Jesus said, "...and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). Also Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6).

Those words express the reality of truth and the necessity of knowing and following that truth.

If you are interested in the truth that comes directly from God's word and is summed up in Jesus then we have a wonderful gift for you! Just ask us for your FREE copy of a DVD which will help you find the truth of God's will! May God bless your search for truth!





## WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Belinda's niece Allison in the hospital  
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*Daughters* of the **KING**  
 Wednesday, April 12th @ 5 pm

**LADIES**  
*Bible Study*  
 Thursday, April 13th 7:30 PM

*Spring*  
**CLEANING**  
 Saturday  
 April 15th  
 10 AM

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
 Friday, 14th @ 7:00 PM  
 3rd-8th Grades @ Mitchell's  
 Teens & 20's @ Maudlin's

**ZEPHANIAH**

**PROPHETABLE**  
**LIFE** MAJOR LESSONS | from the MINOR PROPHETS

**READ ZEPHANIAH FOR WEDNESDAY!**

## THIS WEEK

<b>Barker</b> March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dowling</b> April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Loughmiller</b> April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mitchell</b> April 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Scott</b> April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Stout</b> April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

## APRIL SERVANTS

**Building Cleaning & Communion:**  
 Barker & Stout

**Benevolence Organizers:**  
 Farmer & Shaffer



## APRIL

1 - Shannon Michell B'day 16 - Andrew Maudlin B'day  
 5 - Tim Maudlin B'day 30 - Sarah Dooley B'day  
 11 - Keith Keehn B'day  
 14 - Clayto Sieg B'day

**BIRTHDAYS**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday Morning (04/09)

**Announcements:** Bill Buchanan

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Randol Woolbright

**Song Leader:** Dylan Culver

**Lord's Table:** Ryan Woolbright (Lead)

K. Keehn, J. Maudlin, E. Mitchell

**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Hudson

#### Sunday PM (04/09)

**Announcements:** Bill Buchanan

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Shanon Miller

**Song Leader:** Jeff Farmer

**Lord's Table:** Ryan Woolbright (Lead)

K. Keehn

**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer

**Closing Prayer:** Seth Shaffer

#### Wednesday (04/12)

**Announcements:** Michael Stout

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Gus Schoenbaechler

**Song Leader:** Don Sieg

**Invitation:** Kyle Dowling

**Closing Prayer:** Daryn Barker

### NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday Morning (04/16)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Luke Dooley

**Song Leader:** Jeff Farmer

**Lord's Table:** Tim Maudlin (Lead)

M. Loughmiller, Donny Sieg, R. Woolbright

**Sermon:** Paul Earnhart

**Closing Prayer:** Michael Stout

#### Sunday PM (04/16)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Bill Buchanan

**Song Leader:** Jonathan Maudlin

**Lord's Table:** Tim Maudlin (Lead)

M. Loumiller

**Sermon:** Paul Earnhart

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Hudson

#### Wednesday (04/12)

**Announcements:** Michael Stout

**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Gus Schoenbaechler

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#### *Meeting at*

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#### *Sunday*

Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

#### *Wednesday*

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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