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the road less traveled

"enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." matt 7:13-14

the poet robert frost wrote a famous poem about traveling a road. i think there is much to be learned from that simple little poem, hidden truths.

the road not taken

two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
and sorry i could not travel both
and be one traveler, long i stood
and looked down one far as i could
to where it bent in the undergrowth;
then took the other ...

i shall be telling this with a sigh
somewhere ages and ages hence;
two roads diverged in a wood, and i -
i took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.

looking down each road we catch a glimpse of the enticements each has to offer. since we all have a sin nature, it is likely we would choose to "have our cake and eat it too," so to speak. it may even appear possible for awhile - for a little ways down the road.

ah, but then the paths diverge and a choice has to be made. "no one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other." matt 6:24

often we stand long, considering hard which one to take. just know this. whichever path you choose, your travel will not proceed alone. i'm sure we've all seen the cartoon of a devil whispering in one ear and an angel in the other. you will have a companion with you on either, each seeking to urge and guide you along their path.

the good companion (the Holy Spirit) will be the one which may often have to correct, chastise or even prune to keep you focused. the other will gladly satisfy your whims and fancies. oh my, which to listen to and satisfy? even right now there are "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!" joel 3:14

the road we choose will determine the gate we enter. do we take the busy path (worldly ways), or the one less traveled (the highway to holiness). each must decide.