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who is leading

"o Lord, i know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." jer 10:23

many people want to direct God, instead of resigning themselves to be directed by Him; to show Him a way, instead of passively following where He leads. – madame guyon

i said: "let me walk in the field";
God said: 'nay, walk in the town";
i said: "there are no flowers there";
He said: "no flowers, but a crown."

i said: "but the sky is black,
there is nothing but noise and din";
but He wept as He sent me back,
"there is more," He said, "there is sin.

i said: "but the air is thick,
and fogs are veiling the sun";
He answered: "yet souls are sick,
and souls in the dark undone."

i said: "i shall miss the light,
and friends will miss me, they say";
He answered me, "choose tonight,
if I am to miss you, or they."

i pleaded for time to be given;

He said: "is it hard to decide?
it will not seem hard in heaven
to have, followed the steps of your guide."

i cast one look at the fields,
then set my face to the town;
He said: "my child, do you yield?
will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

then into His hand went mine,
and into my heart came He;
and i walk in a light Divine,
the path i had feared to see.

- george macdonald

there is much we can learn from the saints who have
tread this path before. their passion and desire being
that which we aspire to take possession of. it is only
because of the blood of Jesus Christ we are able to
partake in this blessed experience; knowing and
fellowshipping with even the Godhead.

speaking along those same lines of fellowship, i would
like to stress how good it is for the brethren to
fellowship and spend time sharing joy and laughter; in
building each other up. "behold, how good and how
pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in
unity!" psalms 133:1

i had such a time yesterday when some friends from ages
ago came and spent some time with me. there was

laughter that brought even tears, the good kind of tears. scripture echoes that sentiment again and again. we should lift each other up, not only in prayer, but in fellowship of the saints. i think of paul and how he was often comforted by occasion of another brethren. spending time is another way of sharing the love of Christ with others. i feel very loved today!