

your way or God's way

"there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." prov 14:12

on you going in the right way or the wrong way? in God's way or man's way? there was a song sang by frank sinatra in his day that was quite popular.

and now, the end is near  
and so i face the final curtain  
my friend, i'll say it clear  
i'll state my case, of which I'm certain

i've lived a life that's full  
i traveled each and every highway  
and more, much more than this  
i did it my way

so i ask again: are you doing it your way or God's way? because the end is near and we're all going to have to face that final curtain. are you making investments in this world or the world to come? i don't want to sound like i'm always correcting and questioning ones actions. believe me, it's only meant for the heart that needs to hear it.

what does scripture say? "for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." heb 12:6 it means you are beloved of God and He only does it for our good. i can't but write what i feel the Spirit is compelling me to; be it encouragement, praise or warning.

this september is the two year anniversary of my last stroke; the one where they sent me home to die, hospice and all. i still have the dnr hanging on my wall. anytime the Lord wants to take me, i'm His. i probably really was dying because there was no purpose in my life. BUT GOD! God still had a purpose for me to fulfill in His kingdom, minute though it may be, and so began these dailies. i felt my way around at first with relatives and friends - often offending some because they felt as though i were addressing them personally when in fact, i was in rehearsal for what is now.

i really believe if i had not acquiesced to that purpose, i would not be alive today. i want to sincerely thank each and every one of you who have been on this journey with me. however near or far my reach may extend, i am thankful for each and everyone of you. thank you for letting my words take a slice out of the limited time we all have. it is i who have been blessed more than anyone else could ever be. God gave me the purpose i needed to live. we all need a purpose, and we must find it in Jesus.

do you realize you are "given" to Jesus. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." john 13:33 if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus, it means you were given to Him by the Father before the foundation of the world; not a predestine of one's will, but a predestine of outcome.

the truth is, the soul that is truly sold out for

Christ is ruined by that very love. for when one tastes of that glory so divine that only Christ offers, nothing else on earth will satisfy. they gladly suffer the sneers, scoffs and mocking many make at their constant attention to that One they love.

yes, there can be pain in love. pain from the scourges received from the hands of those who do not see what you see; do not know what you know; do not hold what you do as a treasured possession. and then there is the pain of being absent from your beloved. and yet, through all the darkened times we see through to the better; the beautiful waiting just beyond our grasp - an eternity with our Beloved.

God only is the creature's home  
though rough and strait the road  
yet nothing else can satisfy  
the love that longs for God

how little of that road, my soul  
how little that hast gone  
take heart and let the love of God  
allure thee further on

this age is coming to an end. the signs Jesus gave us are not just happening, but are being stored up like blast wave awaiting the right moment to explode forth; the fullness of sin, the fullness of time, the fullness of wrath.

a precious brother wrote this the other day.

rejoice for having the perseverance to endure this

race until the end of all things.

rejoice for knowing that as bad as this life is, it is the closest to hell you will ever be.

rejoice for the things Christ has in store for those who love Him.

"for our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 cor 4:17 OUR LORD COMES!!!