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Jeremiah 6:16, “*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk [therein].*”

Most of us in this area have spent most of our lives on or around farms. With time it’s easy to see the paths that cattle make from walking in the fields. They generally always follow the same path. Though there are no cattle on the farm here now, there are numerous cats that are just “wild” cats that have decided to make this home.

Over the years the population of cats has increased and decreased. There have been many colors and combinations of colors. One thing they all have in common, is that when they travel from the barn to the house, and vice versa, they follow the same path. They have been doing this for years and there is a path worn in the grass.

It’s interesting to watch the cats not only just simply walk in the same path, but they put forth great effort to do so. I’ve seen a cat that has stopped and sat in the path. When the others come to that point, they either wait for the cat to move or simply jump over the first cat. They

go to great efforts to stay on the path.

This is an old established path. It was made long ago by cats that the current cats never knew about and have long since passed on. But the path is still here being followed and made even more evident through the years. Being an established path, it’s easier to follow. It’s the best way across the yard. There are no rocks or clumps of grass. They know that the end of the path leads to safety and comes out where they expect it to.

I’ve not only seen the cats follow this path daily, but when there are kittens, they faithfully follow their mother down the path. The mother knows this is the best way. The kittens soon learn this and end up following the path all the days of their lives. Likewise, let’s follow the old paths and lead the young ones. As they continue to follow us down these true established paths, they will learn the path and teach it to others who come after them.

The last sentence of Jeremiah 6:16 is sad and is the choice so many make regarding the old paths. The people to whom Jeremiah was speaking said they would not walk therein.

So many young people leave home, go to college, get jobs, and they see paths vastly different from what the Bible teaches. When one sees such a path, they need to turn from it and go back to the old paths. You don’t have to leave home any longer to see these paths that lead to destruction. With mass media and the Internet, these paths are brought right into our homes.

We have an old path established years ago. This path is the good way that leads to the destination we so desire. This old path is the word of God. We need to make sure that we follow and stay on the old path—the plain and simple teachings of God’s word. Jeremiah said to stand and see. We have to look for this path, but he says it’s the good way. We are then to walk therein and the end result is rest for our souls—eternal salvation in Heaven. —Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Ellie Riffle, Linda Terry, Sandy Duncan, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

—Congratulation to those who graduated yesterday: **Breanna Riffle** from The University of the Cumberland with a degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Special Education, and **Matthew Edwards** from the University of Kentucky with a Masters in German.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday evening singing. We will be meeting at the LaRue County congregation in Hodgenville. Services are at 5:00 p.m. Central. There will be no services at the building here in Munfordville tonight. Services will be broadcast on YouTube only.

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Nehemiah 2:6, “*And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.*”

Nehemiah had requested to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls. The king asked him how long his journey would be. No doubt Nehemiah didn’t know the exact time, but he probably could guess about how long it would take. Nehemiah 6:15 lets us know that the walls took 52 days to rebuild, but there was much more to do as well as travel time involved.

We might ask ourselves how long our journey will be—not a journey to another place, but our journey in this life. We know it can end any moment, but we know the longest the journey can be. Psalms 90:10 tells us, “*The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*” If we live full lives, we can expect 70 to 80 years. Some people have more, but at that age one knows the journey will soon be over.

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Sunday, April 30, 2023		
Classes	13	Mark 8:1-21
Preaching	25	II Peter 3:1-18
Contribution	\$903.00	
Evening	9	Jonah 3-4
Wednesday, May 3, 2023		
Classes	12	II Thessalonians 1

Bible Quiz

The LORD prepared a gourd to do what for Jonah?

Last Week’s Answer— Three day’s journey (Jonah 3:3)

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For those in the LORD this is not a sad thought, but a very comforting one. Paul said in Philippians 1:23, “*For I am in a strait betwixt two,*

having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh [is] more needful for you.” He wanted to stay and help others, but he knew it was far better to be with Christ. It’s interesting that this verse is the only place in the Bible that uses the term, “far better.” The LORD has made us to want to stay here with family and friends and do His work. We know not how long our journey will be, but we know the end is far better for those in the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)