

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Walking Off Your Map March 10, 2020 Joanne Donnelley

### Deuteronomy 31.8 NASB

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is the One who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Knowing God goes before us, gives us freedom. We won't venture out, if we remain shackled in fear. We want to know the detailed version of the journey ahead and think that information will bring confidence in how we walk it out. It is more likely, it won't. Our confidence is in who God is, and not the journey itself. We are to remain confident in Him. FEAR NOT!

He is the One who will not fail us.  
He is the One who will not forsake us.  
He is the One who goes before us.

### Genesis 12.1 NASB

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;

God has a land He wants to show us. He is giving us an invitation to walk with Him. In order to "SEE" it, we need to leave what is familiar; what keeps us in a comfortable place. He wants us to go on the adventure He has to show us! He will fill us in, as we go. Let go of the expectation that He is going to tell us everything in advance.

God has a land prepared.  
God wants us to "see" His land.  
God is speaking the way.

### John 10.9 TPT

<sup>9</sup>I am the Gateway. To enter through Me is to experience Life, Freedom and Satisfaction.

Are we walking through the Gateway of Jesus? Or are we still trying to proceed using our own map? There is nothing more pointless than using an old map in a new territory. The old map brings with it direction to fear, bondage, frustration. Jesus map brings LIFE, FREEDOM, and SATISFACTION.

Jesus is the "Gateway", the Door, the WAY.  
Jesus' entrance brings Life.  
Jesus' entrance brings Freedom.  
Jesus' entrance brings satisfaction.

His map is His Word. We need to pay attention to the scripture He is giving us.

## Romans 12.2 TPT

<sup>2</sup> Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you; but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in His eyes.

Reformation happens through my thinking.

Holy Spirit is transforming me.

I am empowered to discern God's will.

As we allow our thinking to come from the direction of Holy Spirit, we step into the "land" He has to show us. Our new map is forming as we look UP and navigate by the nature of God, our True North. The "territory" changes; the journey is peace, rest, joy, and one of His empowering presence. As our thinking changes, our vision goes from cloudy to clear.

**DETROIT, THE LORD HAS GONE BEFORE YOU. HE IS WITH YOU! HE NEVER LEAVES YOU. HE DOES NOT FORSAKE YOU! HE IS YOUR FREEDOM! YOU ARE HIS CITY, PREPARED TO BY HIM, ALLOWING ALL TO SEE THE WAY HE IS SPEAKING. JESUS IS YOUR GATEWAY, YOUR DOOR, OPENED FOR ALL TO ENTER IN TO HIS LIFE, FREEDOM AND SATISFACTION. THE IDEALS AND OPINIONS OF THE CULTURE AROUND YOU ARE NO LONGER WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO IMITATE. HOLY SPIRIT IS TRANSFORMING YOU FROM THE INSIDE OUT, AS YOU CHOOSE TO REFORM YOUR THINKING TO HIS. YOU ARE EMPOWERED, DISCERNING GOD'S WILL, TO LIVE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE, AS YOU NAVIGATE BY THE NATURE OF GOD, HIS MAP, BRINGING YOUR PURPOSE CLEARLY INTO VIEW. YOU ARE HIS LIGHT IN THIS WORLD, HIS CITY, ON HIS HILL. YOU CANNOT BE HIDDEN, GIVING HOPE TO ALL IN YOUR LAND. DETROIT, YOU LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN IN SUCH A WAY, THEY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.**