



Journey: Traveling to our Home

Dancing at the Rascal Fair: Going back to Scotland after 55 years.

- We have a natural affinity for our homeland.
- Our Problem: We so easily confuse our foreign land with our homeland.
- Our Solution: We must remember two key truths.

First, a quality journey means living as aliens in this foreign land. (Heb 11:8, 9)

- Abraham lived as an alien in the Promised Land.
- A foreign land, no matter how long we live there, gives a certain sense of uneasiness—a feel that I am not at home.
- The top ten ways to (foolishly) make yourself at home in this foreign land:

Second, a quality journey means living as a citizen of our homeland. Heb 11:10, 13-16

- Abraham and the others were looking for their Father-land.
- We have a natural longing for our Father-land—it feels “easy,” like home.
- The top ten ways to (wisely) make yourself at home in heaven:
- **Idea:** A quality journey...means refusing to make ourselves at home on this planet and living as a solid citizen of our Father-land.

For Instance: “But Darling we are not home yet.”

Application: And you? Are you home yet? This question shapes the entirety of your life—it defines the way you go about everything and you cannot afford to get it wrong.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ this week.

- **Idea:** A quality journey...means refusing to make ourselves at home on this planet and living as a solid citizen of our Father-land.

Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** In what ways are you personally "making yourself at home on this planet?"
- **Monday:** In what ways are you personally "living as a solid citizen of our Father-land?"
- **Tuesday:** What would it mean spiritually, emotionally, and practically for you to "dwell in tents" in this land?
- **Wednesday:** What would it look like spiritually, emotionally, and practically for a Christ-follower to "go back to the land from which he or she came?"
- **Thursday:** Read Colossians 3:1-3. What are the "journey" applications to your life from this passage?
- **Friday:** Read the Book of Ruth. What are the "journey" principles surrounding the sojourn of Naomi in Moab and Ruth in Bethlehem?
- **Saturday:** Will you commit to one tangible way of living less at home here on earth and more at home in heaven? What will you do?
- **Bonus Item:** Please engage your family members about the issue of being at home in this foreign land or in our Father-land.