



Journey: Traveling with our Father

Journey: Dallas, Texas to Glennallen, Alaska in winter: 4,059 miles.

- “Journey” may be the most powerful metaphor of our earthly lives.
- God uses metaphors extensively to explain our lives and relationships:
 - I am a servant—He is the Master.
 - I am a steward—He is the Owner.
 - I am a soldier—He is the Commander.
 - I am a child—He is the Father.
 - I am a tourist—He is the Cosmic Travel Agent to make my life fun.
 - I am a sojourner—He is...

Our Journey is a perilous one because of the world system, the flesh, and the devil.

- The World System:
- The Flesh:
- The Devil:

On the Journey God is my constant Companion in these ways:

- He is my Guide. Hebrews 11:8
- He is my Provider. Hebrews 11:29
- He is my Protector. Hebrews 11:35-38
- He is my Rewarder. Hebrews 11:6, 16
- He is my Father. Hebrews 11:24-26; James 4:8 and Romans 8:15
- He is my Source. 1 Peter 2:23

Idea: On a journey as perilous as ours...only a God like ours is sufficient.

Application #1 Are you depending on God for help in the journey?

Application #2 Are you drawing near to God for fellowship on the way?

Journey: A marginal pickup and a winter trip with my Dad.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ this week.

- **Idea:** On a journey as perilous as ours...only a God like ours is sufficient.

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:** Have you ever experienced a trip with your father or mother or another adult when things went wrong and they were way beyond your fixing and you were so happy to have that person there to solve the problems?
- **Monday:** What are the most perilous parts of your personal journey? When do you feel the most afraid and dead?
- **Tuesday:** What are the most rewarding parts of your personal journey? When do you feel the most alive?
- **Wednesday:** How are you living into the identity of God as your Guide, Provider, Protector, Rewarder, Father, and Source of help?
- **Thursday:** Are there ways in which you feel that God has failed you as Guide, Provider, Protector, Rewarder, Father, or Source? What do you make of these?
- **Friday:** What are the "alternative sources" (outside of The Source) to which you are tempted to look for help in this difficult sojourn? How do they do for you?
- **Saturday:** What would it mean for you to depend on God fully along your journey?
- **Bonus Item:** What would be involved for you to live more fully and continually in the presence of your Father on your journey?