

## Staying on the Right Path

### **Ready:**

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

-Psalm 119:105

### **Set**

The other day I decided to go on a new mountain bike trail. I began riding in the shade of the mountain and the trees until I came to a split in the road. On the left there was a trail called Creek Mouth and on the right was Sugar Island. I'd originally planned just to ride Sugar Island, but I looked on the map to see where Creek Mouth would put me out at. Unfortunately, it wasn't on the map. Still, the name sounded interesting and I knew I had to ride it.

I began on Creek Mouth and started to notice that it wasn't like the other trails. The trail itself wasn't noticeable because of the many leaves and unclear pathway. At that point I was already far down the trail. Suddenly something in the road made my feet slip, and I cut my ankle open. I'd had enough. I rode back to Sugar Island and finished my course using the map and found my way back to my car.

This same kind of thing happens in our Christian life sometimes. We'll just be living life when something will catch our eye, and immediately we'll pursue it and leave God's clear path. Eventually we come to realize that we made a bad decision, and often it will take a painful wound to reveal our mistake. And unfortunately, the scars on our hearts are a lot deeper than the one I got on my ankle. It is at this point that we have to stop what we're doing and get back to where God would have us to be.

Today, don't get distracted and veer from the path God has for you. He knows the condition of each trail, and He has a plan to bless you if you will only follow His choice.

### **Go**

1. Are you following God's will or your own?
2. Do you need to abandon the wrong path you've taken and get back to the one God chose for you?
3. Will you do it? What will happen if you don't?

### **Workout**

Isaiah 55:8-9

Jeremiah 29:11

Colossians 1:21-23

**Bible Reference:**

Colossians 1



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