

Discover God's Way

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Introduction:

- Famous sayings about “the way”
 - “We can do this the Easy Way or the Hard way”
 - “There’s the right way to do things and the wrong way”
 - “It’s my way or the Highway”
 - “There is no right way to do the wrong thing.”
 - “Lead follow or get out of the way.”
- Today we discover God’s way

1. God's Way is Hard and Narrow

Mt. 7:13–14 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and **broad *is the way that leads to destruction***, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow *is* the gate and **difficult is the way which leads to life**, and there are few who find it.

- “Nothing worth having is ever easy” attributed to Theodore Roosevelt
 - Jesus said something similar about the kingdom of heaven
 - He told the story of the pearl of great price, pointing out that the kingdom of heaven is worth everything we have and whatever it takes to obtain it.

Mt. 13:45-46 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

- He said it’s worth everything, even our lives

Mt. 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

2. God's Way is Higher

Isaiah 55:8–9 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are **your ways My ways**,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are **My ways** higher than **your ways**, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

- We cannot even comprehend God’s way.

1 Cor 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- We think we’re so smart
 - We build the titanic saying, “Even God can’t sink it.”
 - We build the tower to the heavens, “we will be Gods” **Gen. 11**
 - We are not. God confused their languages, scattered them

1 Corinthians 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of **the message preached** to save those who believe.

3. God's Way is Perfect

2 Samuel 22:31–33 *As for God, His way is perfect*; The word of the LORD *is* proven; He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him. “For who *is* God, except the LORD? And who *is* a rock, except our God? God *is* my strength *and* power, And **He makes my way perfect**.

- God’s way is perfect and ultimately makes my way perfect
- At some point we must discover that God’s way involves Jesus!
 - It has always involved Jesus
 - God’s way is hard: Jesus went to the cross
 - God’s way is higher, we don’t understand why Jesus had to die
 - God’s way is perfect, Jesus is the perfect sacrifice

4. God Will Show us the Way

Jer. 42:1–3 Now all the captains of the forces, Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least to the greatest, came near and said to Jeremiah the prophet, “Please, let our petition be acceptable to you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, for all this remnant (since we are left *but* a few of many, as you can see), **that the Lord your God may show us the way** in which we should walk and the thing we should do.”

- In this case, they did not believe the words Jeremiah received from God and did not obey

Conclusion: God's Way is Jesus

- When God shows us the way, **we discover Jesus is the way**

John 14:6 Jesus said to [Thomas], “**I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- He is the way of salvation: **Acts 16:17**
- He is the way of truth:

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- He is the way of life:

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come **that they may have life**, and that they may have *it more abundantly*.

- We discover Jesus is the way
 - His way is hard because it takes us to the cross
 - His way is higher because we don’t understand it at all
 - His way is perfect because Jesus is perfect, and the perfect sacrifice
 - He is the way to the father; He is the way to salvation. He is the way Home.
 - Do you want to come home? Come home to Jesus. He waits with open arms