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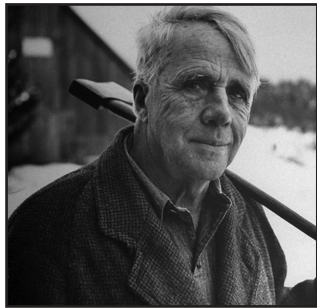
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The Road Less Traveled

by Rev. Dale M. Glading, President



*Two roads diverged
in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could
not travel both
And be one traveler;
long I stood
And looked down
one as far as I could
To where it bent in
the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

No, I did not write that poem. Robert Frost did in 1915, and his literary masterpiece was first published that year in The Atlantic Monthly. Frost would go on to win four Pulitzer Prizes and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

However, in some ways, unbeknownst to me at the time, I have tried my best to exemplify

the very essence of Frost's poem throughout my life. Passing on a legal career to major in sports administration... forgoing the opportunity to become a nursing home administrator to start America's first-ever athletic prison ministry... leaving a secure job and a guaranteed income to enter full-time missionary service... refinancing our low-interest mortgage to send our sons to a Christian school... running for Congress as a conservative Republican in a district that had been heavily Democratic for the previous 34 years... leaving an established ministry after 24 years to launch a new one from scratch at age 51... selling our house to become full-time stationary RVers.

In hindsight, some of those decisions weren't the smartest from a financial standpoint, nor were they the kind that bring peace, tranquility, and low blood pressure to one's life. However, I don't regret a single one of them.

As Yogi Berra famously said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Thanks for the sage advice, Yogi! Like you and Robert Frost, I have done my best to travel the less trodden path and indeed, it has made all the difference because it stretched my faith and has caused me to rely on God almost exclusively.

How about you, my friend? Are you ready to take a chance and jump into the deep end of the pool, spiritually speaking? No safety net, just the loving arms of Jesus to catch and keep you.

As Dr. King once said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Not Far from Home

by Alistair Begg

"That through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death."

- Hebrews 2:14

Child of God, death has lost its sting, because the devil's power over it is destroyed. Stop fearing death! Ask God the Holy Spirit to grant you an intimate knowledge and a firm belief in your Redeemer's death, so that you may be strengthened for that journey. Living near the cross of Calvary, you may learn to think of death with pleasure and welcome it when it comes with intense delight. It is blessed to die in the Lord: It is a covenant blessing to sleep in Jesus. Death is no longer banishment; it is a return from exile, a going home to the many mansions where the loved ones are already living. The distance between glorified spirits in heaven and militant saints on earth seems great; but it is not.

We are not far from home - a moment will bring us there. The sail is spread; the soul is launched upon the

deep. How long will its voyage be? How many weary winds must beat upon the sail before it shall be berthed in the port of peace? How long shall that soul be buffetted on the waves before it comes to that sea that knows no storm? Listen to the answer: "away from the body and at home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8)." The ship has just departed, but it is already at its destination. It simply spread its sail, and it was there. Like that ship of old upon the Lake of Galilee, a storm had tossed it, but Jesus said, "Peace, be still," and immediately it came to land. Do not think that a long period intervenes between the instant of death and the eternity of glory. When the eyes close on earth, they open in heaven. The chariots of fire are not an instant on the road.

So child of God, what is there for you to fear in death, seeing that through the death of your Lord Jesus its curse and sting are destroyed? And now it is like a Jacob's ladder with its base in a dark grave, but with its top reaching to everlasting glory.

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Listening to the Father's Heart

by Os Hillman

Son, I want to play an imaginary game with you. Pretend with me that you are standing in a room. There are two people in front of you. One of them is Jesus, the other is a person named Circumstance. Now I want you to keep your eyes focused on both of them. Never take your eyes off of either of them. Concentrate, now, as you watch Jesus and Circumstance begin to walk in opposite directions. What's that? You're finding it difficult to keep your eyes on both? Is it not working for you? Well the fact is, my son, you can only choose one. Such is life. You cannot follow both. To be an overcomer you must keep your eyes on my Son. Otherwise, you will begin to sink under the weight of your circumstances. To be victorious in this world, look to me.

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" - Matthew 14:29-31

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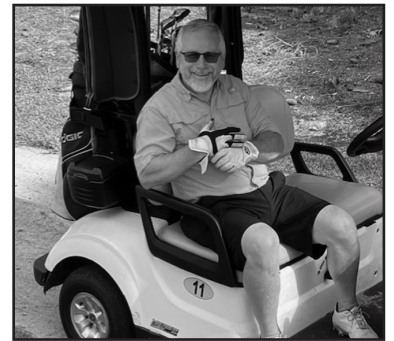
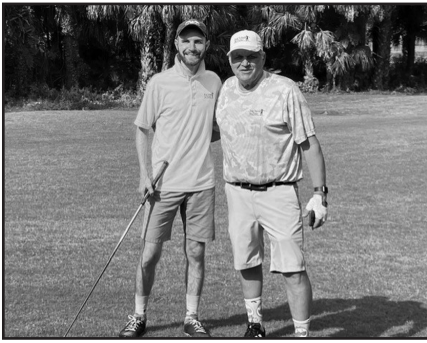


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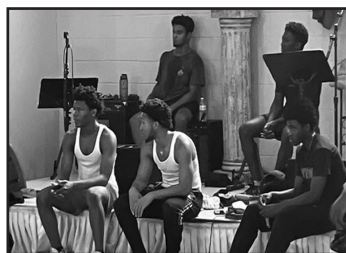
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I think that every donor to a non-profit organization should know exactly how their money is being used. Total transparency is the only way to run a ministry.

That is why I am so proud to announce that - for the fourth year in a row - Risk Takers for Christ has received Candid's PLATINUM SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY, the highest award given to non-profit organizations in the entire world!

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Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to reach at-risk youth with the gospel before they get into trouble with the law and to provide them with positive male role models.

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