

Hello, hello! It's Thursday afternoon, and I'm wrapping up a few things before the weekend. Wanted to encourage you in your faith. We are NOT in a sprint--we are in a marathon (as Danny Powell puts it!). This path we're on is day after day, month after month, putting one foot in front of the other. There are ups and downs, valleys and mountaintops--but the path is worth taking! There's joy along this path--hardship and sorrow too. Friends, enemies, time for rest, and plenty of work to be done. But the path is worth taking! There will be those that leave the path, only to come back later, and some will leave the path for good. There will be days you'll want to quit and days when the road ahead looks dark and ominous. But the path is worth taking!

Why? At least three very good reasons. On the path, in the good times and the bad, Jesus will be right there, walking alongside you, every step of the way. The Bible says that He will never leave us nor forsake us! There will also be wonderful people taking the journey too, and many will prove to be lifesavers in time of need. But the most important reason I say that the path is worth taking, is where it leads! You see, this path of faith in Jesus Christ leads straight to the gates of Heaven and the presence of God Almighty Himself! Stay on the path! It's worth it in the here and now, and it's immeasurably worth it in the hereafter!

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**This Sunday, I continue my sermon from last week on 2020 Vision.** I will be addressing the topic of what obscures our spiritual vision, and how we can get that corrected. I trust the message will speak to your heart.

I met with Larry Moore this afternoon. Tall. Deep bass voice. Humble. He and I got to spend about 30 minutes getting acquainted today, as he and his singing group will be coming to minister to our church on the evening of **February 19th**. He's formed a group called **Crowns of Light, and they are an acappella gospel quartet**. I've attached a picture of the team to the email as well. Get the word out to your music loving friends, because these folks are seriously talented! One of the members used to sing with the Drifters as well as the Temptations!

One last thing--**Blood Bought** is a pentecostal worship band that has been with us on various Friday nights in the past. They are fantastic! Many songs you know, and they lead worship with passion and talent. It is NOT a concert when they come--it's a worship event! **They will be with us tomorrow night at 7 p.m.** DO come out--I'm tellin' ya--they're anointed, gifted, humble, and they come to minister grace thru music.

Have a blessed next several days--

Pastor Daniel