

"TRIP TO NOWHERE?"

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ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE ON A JOURNEY – A QUEST TO FILL A GREAT INNER NEED.

Haggai 1:6 *You have planted much, but you harvest little. You eat, but you do not become full. You drink, but you are still thirsty. You put on clothes, but you are not warm enough. You earn money, but then you lose it all as if you had put it into a purse full of holes.* (NCV)

YOUR LIFE JOURNEY WILL TAKE YOU TO YOUR DEFAULT DESTINATION OR YOUR DIVINE DESTINY.

1. YOUR DEFAULT DESTINATION IS A DEAD-END THAT THE FIRST HUMAN BEING CHOSE.

Rom. 5:12 *When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.* (NLT)

Rom. 3:10-12 *As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous – not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one."* (NLT)

Rom. 1:22 *Although they claimed to be wise, they became utter fools.* (NLT)

What the World Offers: A Trip to Nowhere

Fame - Self-identity built on the admiration of other people.

Fortune - Self-identity built on money and material things.

Power - Self-identity built on position and control.

Sex - Self-identity built on physical pleasure.

Religion - Self-identity built on faith in something mystical.

2. YOUR DIVINE DESTINY IS BASED ON YOUR:

a. Origin

Gen. 1:27 *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.* (NIV)

b. Purpose

Gen. 1:28 *God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."* (NRSV)

c. Identity

Psalms 8:3-8 *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.* (NRSV)

Eph. 1:4-5 *Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.* (NLT)

God created man to have inner needs that can be met by:

Relationship - Someone loves him totally and unconditionally.

Significance - He has something to do that matters.

YOU FIND WHAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR IN LIFE IN THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

John 7:37 *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."* (NASB)

Isa. 55:1 *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost."* (NCV)

Jer. 31:3 *"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself."* (NLT)

John 10:10 *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* (NKJV)

How to Begin the Journey with Jesus

1. Admit your deep thirst. It's okay to have longings and desires. They are not only related to your sinfulness but also your humanness. God originally designed man to be loved totally and to have significance.

2. Believe that God wants to meet your need through His Son, Jesus. You must trust only in Jesus. There is no other way.

3. Commit your life to Jesus, so He can give you an abundant life. You must choose to be changed by Jesus because you can't do it on your own.