



Finding the Way

Devotion

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me
(John 14:6).

Being lost is not fun. Sometimes we become lost because of faulty memory. Sometimes it is because of a detour. Sometimes the landscape has changed or we have not been paying attention. Sometimes it is because we have no one to remind us how the road goes and where the turns are. To avoid this we use maps, GPS devices, or the Internet. They don't always help. In fact, they can occasionally aggravate the situation. Regardless of the reason for being lost, it is no fun.

Sometimes we find ourselves lost in a life style of our own devices. We are rushing to accomplish so many things. We take a turn because it seems like a good idea at the time but it is only later that we discover it was a wrong turn. We seem to be traveling alone without our "navigator" beside us. We feel overwhelmed with things in our life that are beyond our control.

That's when our only hope is to step back, take a deep breath, and let God be God for a better direction for our life. The Bible, God's Word, has not changed. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8).

We can depend on Jesus to show us the way to our earthly destination. He does this through our Baptism, Holy Communion, and His Word; He also makes sure that we make it to our heavenly home. He did this by dying on the cross in our place. He gave His life so that we might have eternal life. Our life may not seem easy or scenic or the most direct, but when we think we are lost, we have His assurance that He is with us "*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:20b). That is a security that is better than Rand McNally, Internet maps, or GPS. Christ is the Way that is beyond all of our own devices. He will truly guide us to our heavenly home.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for being with us in this life. Help us to lean on You when feeling lost and alone. Help us to stay close to You through the Sacrament of Holy Communion and hearing Your Word in its truth and purity. You have shown us the way and sent Your Holy Spirit to comfort us in times of distress and panic. Be with us until we reach You at the end of our journey. Amen.

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