

**Father Michael's Musings**  
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Perhaps, because I have the “On the Road” legacy in my family, I have always been attracted to songs and stories about the stories of outcasts starting on the journey to nowhere. The journey is portrayed as an exciting adventure that culminates in a victorious experience and even a romantic relationship. I have started a good number of those adventures, from a boy running away from home, to a college student hitchhiking in Ireland, to starting new careers in faraway places.

The truth is, though, that a journey with nowhere as a destination succeeds only in getting us nowhere. The reality of the journey is that it is fearful, lonely, and headed for despair. The good outcomes of my “On the Road” adventures invariably were the result of some wiser and kinder person stepping in, dusting me off, bringing me home to feed me, and returning me to a place where I was loved.

When our journey through the spiritual, emotional, and physical adventure that is our life in this world is headed only to nowhere, it is Jesus who is the kinder, wiser guide who intervenes, lifts us up, and returns us to a destination of **Life** and **Light** and **Love**. We know that in our hearts, and yet, the dangers, loneliness, and despair of the road hide that truth from us, locking us into the sadness of the journey.

There is no better time than Easter to look up from our unhappiness and see that we were meant for a better *Way*, a better *Life*, an eternal *Love and Family*. If you are tired of being “On the Road” to nowhere, please join us this Easter to revive and refresh your life, reconnect you to purpose, to love, and to a worthy destination. Let Jesus bring you home, restore you, and deliver you to the love of your heavenly Father.

God bless you,

Father Michael