

# Signs Along The Highway Of Life Sunday AM 06/02/19

## Introduction:

Life has been compared to a highway in song. This got me to thinking about the signs on our highways and those that would prove useful in our lives. Some might be funny, some alarming, some informative, but they all need to be read. Tragedies can occur when someone decides to either not pay attention to a sign or simply do what they want. Those signs are for a purpose, a reason, so as to make travel safe and easy for everyone. Therefore, if God would place some signs before us at various stages as we travel down "life's highway" what would they be? Here are some suggestions.

### I) "Slowdown"

#### A) In Morgantown there is a sign reading "Slow Children Playing"

1. It is important to know when to slow down. Some people are in a state of perpetual hurriedness.
  - a. We might be more like Martha than we like, *Luke 10.41*
  - b. Always wanting to be somewhere else and to get there quickly.
2. Children want to be bigger, teenagers want to get out of High School and either in College or independent of mom and dad, young people want to get married and have a family, those with young families want to get their children grown, those with children grown want to retire, and on it goes.

- a. Mother's slowdown and take your time to do what is said in *Titus 2.4*.
- b. Father's relax and bring those children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, *Eph. 6.4*
- c. Young people don't try to grow up too fast, *Ecc. 12.1*.
- d. These are to good old days.
- e. Don't hurry your way through life, *Ecc. 12.2ff*

## II) Rough Road Ahead

### A) **A sign near me - roads often have potholes, breaks in the pavement, etc.**

- 1. Very seldom is the road easy and smooth. It often has those rough patches.
- 2. So it is with us in our daily living.

### B) **Road roads ahead**

- 1. There are a lot of trials in life, *James 1.2*
- 2. Marriage can be very trying, *Matthew 19.4-5*.
  - a. New relationships are formed, intimacy is developed, it takes time to build a life together.
  - b. Many marriages do not make it through the first few years of marriage. A number of years ago I saw survey where they asked people in their second marriages and they were happy about their 1st marriage. Most said the reason it failed was due to

immaturity and they wished they had not given up so quickly.

- c. Health issues are definite rough patches, some are terminal, some are debilitating, and even those that are temporary seem like they lasted for long time. *Job 3.25-26*
  - e. Death of love ones - I often marvel at those parents who have lost a child. King David felt that loss in two different ways. *2 Samuel 12.16, 20; 2 Samuel 18.33.*
3. In all of these rough places we must rely on God for our help. *1 Peter 5.6-7, Ps. 73.28*

### III) Detour Ahead

#### A) Detours takes us out of our way.

- 1. They are inconvenient and time consuming.
- 2. But life is not simply getting from point A to point B in a straight line. Family Circus

#### B) Detours in the Bible

- 1. Joseph's dream *Genesis 37* of his brother's and father bowing down to him. Then in *Genesis 43.26; 44.14.*
  - a. To get from point A - Joseph with his brother's in Canaan to point B, Joseph and his brothers in Egypt a lot of detours occurred.
  - b. Sold into slavery, taken to Egypt, servant of Potiphar, imprisoned when falsely accused, and finally interpreting Pharaoh's dream.

2. Moses -the great law giver.
  - a. *Exodus 2* --Born a male son of Hebrew slaves, raised in Pharaoh's household, tried to deliver a Hebrew slave by himself, goes to Midian for 40 years.
  - b. *Exodus 3* sent back to Egypt, to bring Israel out of Egypt.
  - c. *Exodus 19ff*-- given the Law at Mt. Sinai and wanders in the wilderness for 40 years. No straight line there.
3. Paul - Saul of Tarsus.
  - a. Advancing among his contemporaries, *Galatians 1.13-14*
  - b. Converted on the road to Damascus, *Acts 9, 22, 26.*
  - c. A preacher of the Gospel.
4. My point is you don't know what will happen so make sure to remain faithful to God.

#### IV) **Prepare for Sudden Stop**

##### **A) This warning is to give us time to stop.**

1. We tend to get traveling pretty fast and not ready to stop
2. There will be times we will stop.

##### **B) Sudden stops in life**

1. Heart attacks, strokes, a sudden illness, auto wreck, all come unexpectantly.

2. Of course death is the ultimate sudden stop in this life. *Hebrews 9.27*
3. Then what? *2 Corinthians 5.10.*
4. The only way to be prepared for a sudden stop is to always be ready. *Psalm 90.10,12* Don't wait and think you will somehow know before hand because you might not.

**Conclusion:**

No matter how big the sign, how well lit it might be, it will do good if you don't read and pay attention to its warning. The same goes for the Bible and your soul.