THE SIMPLE ROAD



A Pleasant Path...Karen Harkema

Every morning when we get up two roads open before us:

The Fancy Road. The Simple Road.

The Fancy Road is alive with colored lights and up-beat music as everybody presses toward their hopes and dreams—or runs from their fears.

If you ask 10 people where this road leads, you receive 10 different answers.



Pathway to Destiny... Eric Holmlund

But where does it lead? And why is everybody in such a hurry?

The Simple Road is almost empty. Those who travel this road are bound for a single destination:

The magnificent City of God. The place for which we were made

Every morning when we get up, we choose the road our *heart desires* We rise to walk a little farther, to get a little closer to our destination.

The Fancy Road always beckons, even though the destination is unclear.

If we choose the Simple Road, we will not walk alone. We will be sustained by the Master, for he tells us,

> "I am the Way." "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness"

Every day anew we make the choice, until the choice is fixed forever.

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few."



Narrow Gate Elizabeth Wang radiantlight.org

Matthew 7:13-14

Gracious Lord... You are our way, our truth, our life. Each morning as we face our day, make it our heart's desire to choose the simple road. Keep our eyes focused on the destination. May each step we take, bring us ever closer. And thank you, that our paths are lit in the midst of darkness, that you sustain us and lead us through the troubles of this world to everlasting life as we walk this simple road each day.

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