

Behind A Big Fat Truck On A One-Lane Road

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Right in the middle of busy Suburbia is a one-lane road (each way) that helps people get from East to West more quickly than the usual stoplight-filled streets. It will usually cut my driving time by almost half, so it has become my choice route when I need to go that way. There's a drawback, though. Many new homes and businesses are being built along this country road, so that means lots of big, SLLLOOOOOW construction trucks. If you get stuck behind one of those, not only have you lost your "saved" time, but you actually go into debt! Not to mention, my patience flies right out the window with the time, which is where the title of this devotional came from, adjectives barely eeking through the gritted teeth of my firm-frowned mouth.

Whew! Deep breath. It's also true that we as Christians are on a narrow road in this life, and It is quite the adventure a good majority of the time--bends, bumps and all. Every now and then, though, a spiritual "big, fat honkin' truck" gets in front of us, slowing us WAY down and obstructing the view along the way (not to mention our patience sometimes ☺).

Let's take a moment lately to think about the things that slow us down on our faith journey? What sins have us on a detour? Has suffering pulled us off to the side? Do questions or doubts have us veering to the right and then the left, trying to find the right way? Has worldly pleasure taken us "downtown"?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, then let's allow the Word of God to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path through the power of the Holy Spirit:

"Whether you turn to the right or the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21

HE WILL SHOW US THE WAY AS WE ARE LISTENING TO HIM!

"Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:5-6

HE WILL BE OUR WAY AS WE TRUST IN HIM!

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;" Psalm 91:11

HE WILL PROTECT US ALONG THE WAY AS WE FOLLOW HIM!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3

HE WILL HELP US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE AS WE FIX OUR EYES ON HIM!

"This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, Ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'" Jeremiah 6:16a

HE WILL GIVE US REST DURING THE WAY AS WE ASK DIRECTION FROM HIM!

"Teach me Your way, O LORD, and I will walk in Your truth; Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. Psalm 86:11

HE WILL TEACH US ALONG THE WAY AS WE ARE FULLY DEVOTED TO HIM!

No matter what gets in front of us, friends, with patience, we can endure and enjoy this life! SO--
May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. By His divine power, God has given us everything

we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the One who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence. And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

2nd Peter 1:2-4