

Wed 9/4/24 - Staying the course



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Hymn. 288:1, 2

Press on, dear traveler, press thou on,
I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.
It is the straight and narrow way
That leads to that eternal day,
That turns the darkness into light,
That buries wrong and honors right.

Press on, and know that God is all;
He is the Life, the Truth, the Love.
It is the way the Saviour trod,
It is the way that leads to God.
Think of the words: No cross, no crown;
Though tasks are sore, be not cast down.

Words: M. BETTIE BELL

Music: Arthur S. Sullivan

Hymn. 591:1–4

We cannot turn away from God
Because, whichever way we face,
Spirit is there. In every place,
Every direction, everywhere,
Spirit is there.

Whether we turn to left or right,
To north or south or east or west,
We meet with Love—and we are blessed.

Upward or down, below, above,
We meet with Love.

Whether we plunge to ocean trench
Or plot our course for farthest space,
Love's law controls. Whatever race
We enter toward whatever goals,
Love's law controls.

Whether we build for centuries hence
Or let tomorrow bound our aim,
God sets the pace. Always the same,
With instant and eternal grace,
God sets the pace.

Words: PETER J. HENNIKER-HEATON

Music: Kevin McCarter

Hymn. 476:1, 2

Fearful heart, put all your cares
Completely in your dear God's hands;
Love feeds you with Her great strength
And your faith will always stand.
Now as you go safely forward,
Walk securely in Love's grace.
Give to God the praise and glory;
Fear and doubt have no more place.

Longing heart, don't give up hope
When threats of evil overwhelm.
Love now keeps Her promise true,
God's sure hand is at the helm.
Bringing joy when all seems darkness—
God will keep you safe, secure.

You go forward, loved and peaceful:

Victory is always sure.

Words: FRIEDRICH PRELLER; ENG. TR. CSPTS

Music: Werner Kuck, alt.

Prov. 4:25–27

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Ps. 119:1–5

1 Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Prov. 4:10, 11, 13–24

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

14 ¶ Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

- 23 ¶ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.
24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Neh. 6:1 (to 6th), 2–4, 15, 16

- 1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, ...
2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.
3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?
4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.
15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day of the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.
16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

I Cor. 15:58 my

- 58 ... my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Ps. 121:1–3 (to :)

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: ...

John 14:1–6

- 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you

unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matt. 7:13, 14

13 ¶ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Prov. 12:28

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Heb. 12:1, 2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

II Cor. 1:1 (to 4th ,)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, ...

II Cor. 11:24–27

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

Phil. 3:13, 14

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

II Tim. 4:2, 5 watch, 7

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

5 ... watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

Phil. 4:1 my

1 ... my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

SH 458:25 The

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Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind. He must prove, through living as well as healing and teaching, that Christ's way is the only one by which mortals are radically saved from sin and sickness.

SH 20:14, 27

Jesus bore our infirmities; he knew the error of mortal belief, and "with his stripes [the rejection of error] we are healed." "Despised and rejected of men," returning blessing for cursing, he taught mortals the opposite of themselves, even the nature of God; and when error felt the power of Truth, the scourge and

Perfect
example

the cross awaited the great Teacher. Yet he swerved not,
21 well knowing that to obey the divine order and trust God,
saves retracing and traversing anew the path from sin to
holiness.

Behest of
the cross

27 St. Paul wrote, “Let us
lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so
easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that
30 is set before us;” that is, let us put aside material self
and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of
all healing.

SH 226:22–2

I saw before me the sick, wearing out years of servi-
tude to an unreal master in the belief that the body gov-
24 erned them, rather than Mind.

The lame, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the sick, the
sensual, the sinner, I wished to save from the slavery of
27 their own beliefs and from the educational
systems of the Pharaohs, who to-day, as of
yore, hold the children of Israel in bondage. I saw be-
30 fore me the awful conflict, the Red Sea and the wilder-
ness; but I pressed on through faith in God, trusting
Truth, the strong deliverer, to guide me into the land
1 of Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of
man are fully known and acknowledged.

House of
bondage

SH 21:1–4, 9, 25

1 If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and
conversation, you can finally say, “I have fought a
3 good fight . . . I have kept the faith,” be-
cause you are a better man.

Moral
victory

9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striv-

ing to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things
12 of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

Being in sympathy with matter, the worldly man is at the beck and call of error, and will be attracted thither-
27 ward. He is like a traveller going westward for a pleasure-trip. The company is alluring and the pleasures exciting. After following the sun for
30 six days, he turns east on the seventh, satisfied if he can only imagine himself drifting in the right direction. By-and-by, ashamed of his zigzag course, he would borrow
1 the passport of some wiser pilgrim, thinking with the aid of this to find and follow the right road.

Zigzag
course

SH 22:11–20

“Work out your own salvation,” is the demand of
12 Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you. “Occupy till I come!” Wait for your reward, and “be not weary in well doing.” If
15 your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race.
18 When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving.

Wait for
reward

SH 67:4–13

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds,
6 and the waves lift themselves into mountains. We ask the helmsman: “Do you know your

Weathering
the storm

course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?” He
9 answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not
sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the
Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest under-
12 standing, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on
and awaits the issue.

SH 514:14–18

In the figurative transmission from the
15 divine thought to the human, diligence, promptness, and
perseverance are likened to “the cattle upon a thousand
hills.” They carry the baggage of stern resolve, and
18 keep pace with highest purpose.

SH 426:5–8

The discoverer of Christian Science finds the path less
6 difficult when she has the high goal always before her
thoughts, than when she counts her footsteps
in endeavoring to reach it.

Our footsteps
heavenward

SH 9:32

Consistent prayer is the desire to do right.
1 Prayer means that we desire to walk and will walk in
the light so far as we receive it, even though with bleed-
3 ing footsteps, and that waiting patiently on the Lord,
we will leave our real desires to be rewarded by Him.

SH 254:2–8, 10

Individuals are consistent who, watching
3 and praying, can “run, and not be weary; . . .
walk, and not faint,” who gain good rapidly
and hold their position, or attain slowly and
6 yield not to discouragement. God requires perfection,
but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought

Patience
and final
perfection

and the victory won.

When we wait
patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs
12 our path. Imperfect mortals grasp the ultimate of spir-
itual perfection slowly; but to *begin* aright and to con-
tinue the strife of demonstrating the great problem of
15 being, is doing much.

SH 99:21

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love mankind, and shall continue to labor and to endure.