



## ***Your Way; Not My Way***

By Susannah Spurgeon

"Make Your way straight before my face." Psalm 5:8

Dear Father, this cry is going up to You, this morning, from many a tried and perplexed soul, who is fearing to "wander in the wilderness, in a pathless wasteland." Will You graciously bend down Your ear, and listen to their prayer, and grant the desired direction and guidance?

"Make Your way straight." Dear Lord, it is not that Your ways are ever crooked or deviating, but that my eyes are bent on seeing pleasant little bypaths, where the road is not so rough, or the walking so toilsome — as on the King's highway! My way looks so enticing, so easy, so agreeable to the flesh. Your way means self-denial, taking up the cross, and the relinquishment of much that my carnal heart desires.

Now, dear Lord, hear my cry, "Make Your way straight before my face!" Compel me, by the power of Your love and Your example — to go in the narrow road! "Hedge up my way with thorns," rather than that I should take a step out of Your way which You have laid down for me.

What if, sometimes, there are mists and fogs so thick that I cannot see the path? 'Tis enough that You hold my hand, and guide me in the darkness; for walking with You in the gloom — is far sweeter and safer than walking alone in the sunlight!

Dear Lord, give me grace to trust You wholly, whatever may befall; yielding myself up to Your leading, and leaning hard on You when "dangers are in the path." Your way for me has been marked out from all eternity, and it leads directly to Yourself and home! Help me to keep my eyes fixed on the joy that is set before me, and deliver me from the very faintest desire to turn aside, and linger in the flowery meadows which have so often lured the feet of poor pilgrims into danger and distress!

Father, You have said, "My ways are not your ways, neither are My thoughts your thoughts." True, dear Lord; but then You can uplift my thoughts to Yours, and exalt my ways until they reach the mountain-top of obedience to Your blessed will. Work this miracle for me this day, O Lord; use that sweet compulsion which will delight my heart, while it directs my steps! Make me to run in the way of Your commandments, and I shall run gladly, with the blessed certainty that I shall reach the goal at last! Have You not given me a monitor within, which strikes a gentle warning note, when my feet turn but an instant from the straight way?

But, best of all, dearest Lord, come Yourself with me along life's road, today and every day! Let the abiding of my soul in You be so real and constant, so true and tender — that I may always be aware of Your sweet presence, and never take a single step apart from Your supporting and delivering hand!

***Today is May 18, 2025***

## ***Welcome to the Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church***

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### ***Our Prayer List***

*"Pray without ceasing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Ricky Bennett, and Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Baby Jud, Sister Rebecca Johnson, Missionary Dan Sullivan and Sister Sunny, Vickie Adkins, Mateo Lorenzo Vero, Doug Newell III, Nicholas – Madison and Emory Patty.

### ***Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works***

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

## ***“A Thought From Our Pastor.”***

*“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2*

### **If God Be for Us.**

Romans 8:31 *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”*

What a true blessing of a scripture, what a blessing from our Sovereign God, the very Being that controls everything that is created. As created beings, even as Christians, we will never be able to totally understand nor grasp what God is saying here in this verse. This verse should bring glorious peace of mind to every believer, and when we add in verse 28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” it should cause every believer to rejoice and shout from the mountain top, so that everyone can hear us for miles around. Listen closely to Psalms 46:7 “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.” The word “refuge” means God is our cliff or inaccessible place, meaning there is no safer place in existence than being in the Lord and the Lord being in us. Look at how the Psalmist describes the Lord in Psalms 18:2 “The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” We must ask ourselves, “do we need anyone else” the answer must be no, because in the Lord our God we have everything we need. Beloved, we need never worry, wonder, nor fear any creature or anything else because God is for us! Listen once more to the Psalmist in Psalms 118:6 “The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” As Christians we are God’s children, we are His possession, and because of that we have His greatest promise, “...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Heb. 13:5c This very thought should give every child of God the greatest of comfort. We live in a dangerous world, Satan and his people in this world hate us, they want to destroy us every second of every day. And if it were not for the power and grace of God, they would. But God is our refuge or our hiding place, we are in the palm of His hand, and no one has the ability nor the power to bring any harm to us that God does not allow. Think about the word is “perseverance”, it is found only once in the entire scriptures, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” Ephesians 6:18 The word “perseverance” means persistence which means we are to be “to be attentive or vigilant.” in our faith in God. We pray because we trust God in all things, in our everyday life and every event or action or happening in our everyday life. We need to constantly remind ourselves that “God is for us” and

## ***Pastor’s Thought Continue.***

since He is, we can believe that whatever He brings us to, that He will also bring us through it. If God (as He did with Job) bring suffering and challenging times to us, then we are going to be fine. The Lord said in Rom. 8:17 *“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”* God will lead us into trials, persecutions, and tribulations, just as He did Jesus His own Beloved Son. It is our walk in this life, suffering with the Son because this is God’s will for us and it is for our own good.

Then God added in verse 31 *“who can be against us?”* this is our perseverance or our persistence that our faith can be strong because we do not walk alone in this life, God walks with us protecting us from all evil. God sets the limits of what happens in our life, there are no coincidences, or we do not live by “luck” everything in a Christians life is by God’s will and grace. Just as He told Satan *“And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand...”* Job 1:12 God is not against us, God does not allow things in our life to hurt us, but everything has a purpose and that purpose is, *“...all things work together for good to them that love God...”*. Therefore, no one can be against us, because God is not only for us but in us. God is the Omnipotent God over all creation and there is no greater power than Him. Praise God for His always being with us!

## **Church information and Happenings**

- Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.
- Please continue to pray for our church!!!
- Our Pastor will be out of town from June 2 – 7 There will be no service on Wednesday night June 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Romans 8:12 – 17**

*“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together.”*