

THE ROAD AHEAD

Part 3: Three For The Road

THE MEANING OF LIFE OR A LIFE OF MEANING

- Different views of life
 1. Life is like a box of chocolates
 2. Life is a highway
 3. Life is a journey
- A Biblical view of life (**Hebrews 12:1 NKJV**)
 1. Our lives are likened to race - a more exciting proposition
 2. Not running against other people

GETTING READY FOR THE ROAD AHEAD (**Judges 6:24-27 NKJV**)

- Tear down your father's altar
 1. This was an altar to Baal not to the real God
 2. This would disrupt a family tradition - in the family doesn't always make it right
- Build an altar to God - altar being a place of worship and honor to God
 1. Required effort and sacrifice on Gideon's part
 2. An altar to God would signify re-establishing God to His rightful place
 3. Gideon was afraid to make a daylight statement
- An empowering moment (**Judges 6:33-34 NKJV**)
 1. The enemy gathered and approached but...
 2. The Holy Spirit empowered Gideon

THREE THINGS FOR OUR ROAD AHEAD

- Take down the things that do not belong / hold us back
 1. Weights - distractions and add ons that slow us down
 2. Sins - violations of God's truth and light that cause us to fall
 3. Important to turn and ask God for His forgiveness - run unhindered
- Build a place for God in our life
 1. Will require effort - we have to make time, not find time, for Him
 2. Will require sacrifice - we are not just living for ourselves (**2 Cor. 5:14-15 NKJV**)
 3. We start where we are and make steps - even if shaky, just move in the right direction
- Acknowledge the presence and person of the Holy Spirit (**John 16:7 NKJV**)
 1. The same Holy Spirit that empowered Gideon will empower us
 2. His role is to help us run our race