

Crossroads of Life

Throughout our lives we come to many crossroads. They are intersections where and when the choices we make determine our future. Some significant crossroads that come to mind are marriage, graduation and a career change. Each is a completion of one season of life and a new beginning of the next season. At each crossroad there is always a tomorrow on the horizon. A crossroads could also be a life-changing event – something that takes you in a totally new direction.

- Perhaps it is a narrow escape from a potentially tragic situation and you realize a change of course is necessary.
- It could be the time when you meet a new friend who helps add meaning and direction to your life.
- It could also be the moment that you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.



In any event, every crossroad provides the opportunity to make a conscious decision to head in a *better* direction.

Late in life, a crossroad could also be the preparation for a transition towards heaven. You may have received an unfavorable report from your doctor and are now preparing for the end of your earthly life. Similar to a marriage, graduation or career change, the tomorrow will be better than today. If you decide to strengthen your relationship with Jesus you can be assured that He will welcome you with open arms. We never know when it will be, but we know that God loves us and has the best for us in mind. *What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:9)*. In fact, before you were born God planned when the time will be right. *Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Ps 139:16*. It is part of God's plan for you.

For the person who has embarked on a heavenly path there is no reason to fear the future. The struggles of life will be left back at the crossroads. We won't be alone, as we can look forward to being with loved ones of the faith who has gone on before us. Our loved ones from this world will join us later. Once the decision to prepare for a heavenly home is made we can now look forward to the new, better life to come. It will be a life in the presence of Jesus. It doesn't get better than this! He is the one who gave up His life for us so that we could have eternal life. And He is the one who will speak to The Father on our behalf, and then announce the final forgiveness as we enter His kingdom. The tomorrow is a wonderful life eternal.

Life is a network of highways with many crossroads along the way. Each intersection gives you an opportunity to choose a new path with a better future. As you live your life, always seek the path that leads towards Jesus. The best crossroad is the final one, with Jesus waiting for you.

The Bible Says: *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39)*.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:25-26).

Question: What crossroads have you come upon in your life? Did they send you in a direction to strengthen your faith and prepare you for the final crossroad?

Prayer: Heavenly Father. We have many opportunities to make choices that affect our future. We pray we will make good choices so that the final crossroad leads to you. Amen.