**Some Forks in the Road** *(Matthew 7:13-14)*

1. Suffering or Pleasure?

* Hebrews 11:24-26
  + Moses reached that fork in the road. He saw a greater value in the suffering. Why? Because of the reward that follows 🡪
* 1 Peter 3:13-17
  + When we continue to do good despite the outcome, the world wonders why.
  + We must be able to give a defense, and explanation for our hope.
  + We do this because we will give account of our deeds (4:5).
  + We do this because all else is dissipation (4:4).
  + We do this because Christ did, and He was rewarded (3:18).
* 1 John 2:16-17
  + The pleasures of sin are fleeting.

1. Humility or Pride?

* Luke 14:7-11
  + Pride is abhorred by Jesus and God.
* Luke 18:9-14
  + The humbled will be justified, not the prideful.
* Matthew 5:3
  + The humble will get to heaven.
* James 4:10
  + God calls us to humility.

1. Serving or Being Served?

* Matthew 20:28
  + Christ came to serve. (cf. Philippians 2:3-4 – Part of humility.)
* John 13:12-17
  + After washing His disciples’ feet, Jesus explains the need for servitude.

1. Spirit or Flesh?

* Galatians 5:16-17
  + We cannot be involved in both flesh and spirit. It is impossible.
  + Notice scriptural logic (cf. Matthew 6:22-24; 1 John 1:5-6).
* Galatians 6:7-8
  + The ultimate decision between spirit and flesh is the decision between heaven or hell…🡪

1. Heaven or Hell?

* Mark 16:16
  + Saved or condemned?
* Romans 2:6-11
  + Eternal life or anguish?
* Matthew 7:13-14
  + Life or destruction?