Walking The Broad Way

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INTRODUCTION

- If it were merely a popularity contest, the broad way would win hands down.
- If the narrow way leads to life, why are there so few people traveling it?
- What's amazing and compelling about this illustration in Matthew 7 is that no middle road exists. There's no third option in Jesus' teaching here.

1 The Broad Way Doesn't Require Any Effort

Luke 13:24; 2 Peter 2:19–20

- To walk the narrow way requires effort. Walking the broad way, you can give as little attention to that as you want to.
- Strive to enter by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.
- While the narrow way does involve discipline, only the narrow way provides liberty.
- You can be a slug. No sins to forsake, no attitudes to corral, no thoughts to take captive, no bad behavior to excise from your life, no assemblies to attend, no service to render.

2 You Can Live Your Own Rules

Psalm 2

- Our society grows increasingly intolerant of somebody else imposing their rules upon us. I want to be the rule maker and to decide the rules for me.
- Where there are no guidelines, the result is every kind of behavior across a wide spectrum of choices will be pursued.
- Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us.
- The foolishness of wanting to cast God's fetters and cords off. You lose the blessedness of the life of the narrow way.

3 You Can Pretty Much Believe Whatever You Want

Matthew 7:1

- Diversity of opinions allowed. Every path is acceptable. Every thought is good and right. No judging one another's beliefs whatsoever.
- If you come to that conclusion about Matthew 7 and verse 1, you've not read the context, first of all, and you certainly have not read the rest of the New Testament.
- What you believe matters. And those who believe and practice truth need to say something.
- But what if you're walking the broad way? Wouldn't you want to know that? Wouldn't you want that to be pointed out to you?

4 Not Much Resistance From the Adversary

- You're not going to get much resistance from the adversary because he's absolutely delighted about the course you're on.
- And why is evangelism so hard? Who do you think is opposing it?
- Individuals who hold to a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. Why, by all means, let them prosper and carry on in their deception.
- We are admonished to fight the good fight of faith. That implies opposition.

5 Life's Objective Becomes Unclear

Psalm 39:4–6

- If anything goes, then at the end of the day, what does life really mean?
- Since life is found in the narrow way, what kind of sense can you make out of the broad way?
- David summarized it well. They make an uproar for nothing.
- Now that speaks to a life of purpose and a hope beyond the grave. Everything else is vanity and striving after wind.

6 You Won't Be Alone, But Certain Destruction

- If you're walking the broad way, you might find some solace in the fact that you won't be alone. Lots of company. The majority travel there.
- There's going to be little consolation on the last day for those who have walked the broad way.
- But what's the end result? That's what I want to focus on. Certain destruction.

THE CHALLENGE

You've got to enter. Enter the narrow gate. And walk the narrow way that leads to life.

MY NOTES