**FOCUS** in 2020

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**I Am Not Alone** –*A study in Psalm 23*

***Path-ology***



Have you asked these questions ...   
Am on the right career path? Relationship path? School path?   
What about when it comes to my faith?

Choosing the right path is tough!

*There is a way that* ***seems right*** *to a man, but its end is the way to death.* Proverbs 16:25

Choosing the right path **begins** with choosing the right **relationship**.

Jesus said to him, *“I am* ***the way****, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* John 14:6

Jesus is not one of **many** paths.

Jesus is not the best of **several** paths.

Jesus is **the** path.

Who are we following? What or who is guiding me?   
Who is shepherding me?

***He******leads*** *me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

Psalm 23:3B

Two words: He **Leads**

What happens when we follow the wrong person or thing?

The wrong relationship with people can lead you down a path of pain.

The wrong relationship with money can lead you down a path of misery.

The wrong relationship with status can lead you down a path of sorrow.

Follow **Jesus**.

Follow people who **follow** Jesus.

As we follow, we **lead** people to Jesus.

The right relationship **leads** us to the right **path**.

1. What can I expect along the way?

The right path is not necessarily the **smoothest** road.

*“In the world you will have tribulation.”* John 16:33

No matter how rough the path gets …

*“But take heart; I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33

The path will **change** along the way.

2. How do I stay on the right path?

* **Listen** to His voice.
* **Follow** His steps.
* **Trust** His heart.

*When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*  John 10:4

The right path leads us to the right **place**.

Am I in the right place? If no, then ask …

Am I on the right path? If no, then ask …

Am I in the right relationship? If no, then what is keeping you?

“*Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”* Matthew 7:13-14