



Why I Am Here

- Name
- Background
- Encouragement

“What Are You Doing Here?” and “Why Are You Standing Here?” (Escalator Story - Don’t repeat your past!)

- **He Knows Me (More About This Later!)**
 - What are you doing here, Elijah? *I Kings 19:9 (Short Version)*
 - **Elijah is a prophet who has lost his way.**
 - He knows the way that I take. *Job 23:10*
 - **God always looks out for His own.**
 - O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. You know my when I sit, and when I rise; You understand my thoughts from far off. You surround my path, and when I lie down, and You are acquainted with all my ways. Where shall I go from Your spirit? Or where shall I run from Your presence? If I take the wings of the morning, and make my home in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there will Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. *Psa. 139:1-3, 7, 9, 10*
- **We Do Not Have To Be Afraid**
 - The fear of man brings a snare: but whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe. *Prov. 29:25*



- **God Cares About His Own**
 - ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. *Psalm 103:13 (ESV)*
- **The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32**
- **Psalm 1 – Watch Where You Walk**

ENCOURAGEMENT

The Peace Of God

- **John 16:33 (NKJV)**

³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
- Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. [Isa 26:3](#)
- **Perfect Peace**
 - Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. [Psa. 55:22](#)
 - I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. [Isa 12:2](#)



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

- Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? [Matt. 8:26](#)
- Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. [Phil. 4:6, 7](#)
- In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. [Isa. 30:15](#)
- The effect of righteousness [shall be] quietness and assurance forever. [Isa. 32:17](#)
- Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. [John 14:27](#)
- Peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come. [Rev. 1:4](#)

Know God's Peace

- **John 14:27 (NKJV)**
²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- **What is Peace? - The disciples needed peace, so do we!**



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

- The peace that Christ gives is not what the world gives, and God does not give peace the way the world does.
- The world's peace is hollow, unsatisfying, and temporary; while Christ's peace rest deep in the heart, is always satisfying, and will be there forever.
- The world offers peace through outward circumstances; Christ gives lasting peace through an inward change in the heart.
- Some people talk about having "peace of mind" in their circumstances; but Christ gives "peace with God" that last regardless of our circumstances.
 - Philippians 4:6-7 tells us how a believer can have this lasting peace.
 - **Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)** - ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Plan – How You Can Not Be Here – Exit Package

- **Compass – What is a compass**
 - **What is your compass?**
- **Do you have a plan?**
 - **For getting out?**
 - **For Getting On With Life?**
- **The Departure Package**



- **Solid Planning**
 - **For Next Steps**
 - **For Life**

Purpose – Know That God Knows You and Has a Plan and a Purpose For You

- **Isaiah 49:16 (NKJV)** - ¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms *of My hands*; Your walls *are* continually before Me.
- **Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NKJV)** - ¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

The Way – How you can have everything that God has planned for you

- **John 3:16 (NKJV)** - ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 8:31-32 (NKJV) - ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor. 3:17)



The law of the Spirit of life in Christ, Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (Rom. 8:2)

John 8:33-36 (NKJV) - ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- The Commitment

- Jesus is the Way

- **John 14:6 (NKJV)** - ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- The Way Forward

- Proverbs – Wisdom Literature

- **Proverbs 1:1-6 (ASV)** ¹ The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: ² To know wisdom and instruction; To discern the words of understanding; ³ To receive instruction in wise dealing, In righteousness and justice and equity; ⁴ To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion: ⁵ That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound



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counsels: ⁶ To understand a proverb, and a figure, The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

- Prov. 4:11, 12, 13, 15 - I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. When you go, your steps shall not be hindered and when you run, you will not stumble. Do not enter into the path of the wicked, and do not go in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you. Consider the path of your feet, and let all your ways be certain. Do not turn to the right hand or to the left: keep your feet from evil.