

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 3/15/24**

Nowadays we have technology that enables us to travel the Earth, for the most part knowing that we will be headed in the right direction. There is, however, one experience and activity where we can still find ourselves lost. Have you ever been hiking and come to a fork in the trail? Sometimes the signs have fallen into disrepair or have simply gone missing.

It is a feeling, albeit slight, of helplessness. Years ago, my Wife Christie organized a trip to raft the Buffalo River and hike some of the Ozark trails. We were trying to find a WPA lookout point, as the park rangers had previously described the most beautiful view from that particular spot. We hiked a few miles and came to a fork. Neither sign pointed to the direction of any lookout point. We had no guidance and decided to flip a water bottle (because we had no coin).

We took the left fork and realized after a few short miles that we had hiked a complete loop. As we arrived back at the trail head, the family decided to get dinner and make another attempt the next day. As we had dinner, the waiter asked how we were enjoying the park. We shared our story of the loop, as the waiter began to laugh. What was so funny? When we finished our description of hiking confusion, the young man said, "If you look through those trees, you'll see a rock formation entrance to the lookout." This was about fifty yards from where we were eating.

God puts us on the trail and sometimes we may walk in a loop, looking for a sign to guide us, but the completion of His journey for us is never out of reach.

**Philippians 1:6, He who began good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

Life on God's Earth is a journey and there may be times when we seem lost, but Almighty God will never leave you. God will lead you to His intended destination, in Christ Jesus. Salvation is God's plan for you! Keep hiking! Stay on the trail! God walks with you every step.

The lookout was spectacular. The journey was not what I had predicted, but worth the outcome. Our mortal life is a hike. God is on the trail and never fails to help us reach His destination! Praise God!!!

Have a Blessed Week!

Love and God Bless You All!!!

Pastor Joel