I Would Come This Way Again

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INTRODUCTION

- If you're a child of God, what do you think about your Christian life so far? Would you, could you truly recommend it to others?
- At this stage of my life, on this day of my Christianity, I can loudly proclaim that I would come this way again.
- Being a Christian is the best way, both journey and destination.

1 God Has Given Me Guidance

2 Timothy 3:16–17

- One of those blessings is that God has given me guidance in how to navigate this admittedly difficult life.
- All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- God has given me a pathway, not just a pathway to heaven, but a pathway through this life. And the best pathway.
- God has given me instruction through his word in how to be the best husband I can be. And how to be a father.
- He's given me instruction of how to navigate this life. And how to make this the best life it can be.

2 A Hundredfold: Because of My Family

Matthew 19:29; 1 Peter 3:8

- Everyone who has left houses, our brothers, our sisters, our father, our mother, our wife, our children, our lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold. And inherit eternal life.
- Whatever you've lost to follow me, you'll get back more. Now. And you'll get eternal life.
- In coming to Christ and becoming a part of his family, you get to experience spiritually maybe what you never experience physically.
- A later decision in my life would cause me to leave them. To go and preach the gospel in other locations. But I would come this way again because I found God's word to be true.
- Be of one mind, having compassion for one another, love as brothers. Be tenderhearted, be courteous.
- I would come this way again. Because of my family.

3 An Understanding That Brings Peace and Joy

Psalm 119:97–104

- I also get a deeper understanding. That gives me peace and joy.

- Oh, how I love your law. It's my meditation all the day. You, through your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies.
- I have more understanding than all my teachers. For your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.
- It's an understanding that brings such peace and joy. And boy, don't we need that. In an unstable, evil world.
- I need to constantly remind myself that I've read the last chapter of this book. And I know how the story ends. And I'm going to be alright.

4 Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All

John 10:10

- It's not just about the journey, is it? I would recommend the journey. But I cannot recommend highly enough what I know about the destination.
- My experience has been that the blessings on this journey far outweigh the sacrifices and difficulties.
- The worst of human experiences on this planet will be instantly erased with one glimpse of his glory. Don't ever lose sight of the destination.
- The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.
- Could he possibly be talking about both? The journey of a life and an abundant life. And of the destination that could be described as an abundant life.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't live on the periphery, don't live on the outline. Live in the heart of being a Christian. Embrace everything that is there. Enjoy the journey. And look forward to the destination. And if you're not a Christian this morning, would you please become one?**

MY NOTES