

## THE ONLY WAY TO GO IN LIFE

Once upon a time, there was a group of people who became hopelessly lost in a vast, uncharted forest. For years, they wandered aimlessly, desperately searching for a way out. Despite their best efforts, they couldn't seem to find the right path.

One day, a brave man in the group made a bold suggestion. He proposed climbing the tallest tree he could find, hoping to gain a better view of the surrounding area. Many in the group tried to dissuade him, warning that it was far too dangerous. "What if you fall? What if there's nothing to see?" they said.

But the man stood firm. "If we don't try," he reasoned, "we might remain lost forever."

Ignoring their protests, he began his climb. The higher he went, the more perilous the journey became, but he pressed on. When he finally reached the top, he gasped in amazement. Far off in the distance, he spotted a small town. Excitement surged through him as he shouted down to the group, "I've found the way! There's a town about ten miles from here! Follow me, and we'll be saved!"

He quickly descended the tree and shared what he had seen, eagerly urging the group to follow him. But to his dismay, many refused to believe him. "How can you be sure?" they asked. "What if you're wrong? It's safer to stay here."

No matter how passionately the man pleaded, they remained skeptical. Saddened but determined, he resolved to press forward alone, hoping that, one day, they might come to trust his words and follow the path he had discovered.

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CHATGPT RESPONSE NOV 2024 This story is a reflection of how believers in Christ are often treated by the world. We, too, have seen the light of salvation and found the Way out of the darkness: Jesus Christ. Through Him, we are no longer lost, for He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Yet, just like the man who climbed the tree, we are often met with doubt and disbelief. Many refuse to listen, choosing instead to remain in the safety of what they know. But as followers of Christ, our mission is clear: to share the Good News with love and persistence, trusting that God will work in His time.

We plant the seeds. We water them. And we pray for God to provide the increase, for His glory. As John 3:16 reminds us:

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

This is humanity's way out of the forest of sin and despair. May we continue to shine as lights in this dark and broken world. Amen.



THE WAY JOHN 3:16