

# LIVING WITH THE END IN MIND

Part 5 – Two Roads  
Matthew 7:13-14

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## INTRODUCTION

*Hebrews 12:1-2 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (KJV)*

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### I. EVERY PERSON HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF CHOOSING THE PATHWAY FOR THEIR LIFE.

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1. On the one side there is a small gate.

The only reason any gate is small is so that it can limit those who go in.

- a. *Matthew 19:23-24* “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a **camel** to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”
  - b. If we go through this gate to heaven, it will only be possible by swallowing our **pride**, repenting of our sin and trusting in Christ alone for our salvation.
2. On the other side, there is a **wide** gate that is big enough for everyone to walk through.
- B. The two gates lead to two roads.
1. The wide gate leads to a **broad** road.
  2. The small gate leads to the **narrow** road.
- C. Jesus has given you the freedom to **choose** your road.
- II. JESUS HAS NOT GIVEN US THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE THE **CONSEQUENCES** OF OUR CHOICE.
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  - B. *John 14:6* “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through **Me**.”
  - C. *Acts 4:12*, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”
  - D. The wide gate and broad way leads to personal destruction in **hell**.
  - E. The small gate and narrow way leads to life with God in **heaven** forever.
    1. *1 Timothy 2:4-6* “...who desires **all** men (people) to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself as a ransom for **all**...” (NASB)



