

The Final Trip

Adapted from Women's Ministry Program 2010 Caribbean Territory

Preparation: Invite a legal advisor to address the ladies on preparing a Last Will and Testament. Play Christian CD by Randy Travis – “I am Going...”

Song: SASB400/TB 701 *Why Should Life A Weary Journey Seem?*

Poem “Heaven’s Stairs”

*The “stairway” rises “heaven high”
The steps are dark and steep
In weariness we climb them
As we stumble, fall, and weep...
And many times we falter
Along the “Path of Prayer”
Wondering if you hear us
And if you really care...
Oh, give us some assurance,
Restore our faith anew,
So we can keep on climbing
The “stairs of prayer” to you
For we are weak and wavering,
Uncertain and unsure,
And only meeting You in prayer
Can help us to endure
All life’s trials and troubles
Its sickness, pain, and sorrow
And give us strength and courage
To face and meet tomorrow*

Helen Steiner Rice

Choruses: SASB 80 *Lord, Lift Me Up and Let Me Stand*

SASB 176 *In Him Abiding, My All Confiding*

Devotional: We are all familiar with the word, ‘journey.’ It means the time spent traveling from one place to another whether a long or short distance. Travel is so much easier today. Families are on the move daily even to different



countries. The Bible speaks of the journeys of many, including Abraham and Sarah who traveled from their home country to a land that was foreign and unknown. We remember the 40 year journey of Moses and the children of Israel when they came from bondage in Egypt to the Promised Land.

The Bible likens our lives as Christians to that of pilgrims on a journey. Holiness or Christ-likeness, is to be our aim on that trip. God’s promises are sure on that journey and He will provide for our every need. “The will of God will never lead you where His grace cannot keep you.”

As we journey towards being like Jesus, we will note these following things:

Holiness in our life style:

- A devotional life: Psalm 34: 1
- A prayer life: Matthew 6:6; 7:11
- Consecrated moments with God: Psalm 32:8

Happiness in our total ministry:

- Being a good leader: 1 Timothy 3:5
- Being a servant: Matthew 20:27- 28
- Living our lives as unto the Lord: Roman’s 12:18

Hunger to live our lives:

- To please God: Romans 12:1, Psalm 104:34
- To live morally clean: Romans 8:11, Hebrew 10:22
- As living testimonies



On this trip there will be many challenges to face and difficulties to overcome, but a consistent prayer and devotional life will help us through. Someone wisely said, "If God takes us to it, He will surely see us through it!" We must put our faith into practice as we walk by faith and not by sight. With God's help, we can live pure and holy lives in an incredibly dirty world. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 reminds us that He is faithful to accomplish his good will in and through us.

Our victory at the end of the journey is certain and sure if we live a life dedicated to Jesus, cleansed by His Holy Spirit, active in taking the gospel to the world, and by offering and living holy values in a world of corruption. Jesus said, "I am the Way." So, why are you trying to climb up some other way?

Song: SASB 892/TB 407 *Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*

Unscramble the words

RVOFFEER	FOREVER
RYLGO	GLORY
ENAVEH	HEAVEN
UEMEAJRSL	JERUSALEM
GMNIKOD	KINGDOM
TNGIVREASEL ELFI	EVERLASTING LIFE
ECRETNORRSUI	RESURRECTION
WRCON	CROWN
INOZ	ZION
LNAEGS	ANGELS
BORE	ROBE
TNAIOSLAV	SALVATION

What should I pack for the journey?

Pack inside your heart

Faith

Word of God

Salvation

Hope

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Name written in the lambs book of life

Thoughts to ponder:

The true Christian ideal is not to be happy but to be holy. A.W. Tozer

A holy life will make the deepest impression.

Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine.

Dwight L. Moody

Song: SASB 990 *Victory in Jesus*

Closing Prayer

Refreshments and Home League