

THE WAY MAKER
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ISAIAH 43:16

Life is full of challenges, test, trials and temptations. Whatever we're going through, it's important to know our God is a way maker, who can make a way for us no matter how impossible the situation may be. Isaiah was speaking of the parting of the Red Sea. Humanly speaking there was no way for the Israelites to escape the Egyptians that were pursuing them. The Red Sea was before then, mountains were on either side of them and Pharaoh's military was approaching them. They were delivered from slavery, but not from facing difficult circumstances. The problem caused them to panic. **EXODUS 14:13-18 (NLT)**. God's way seems illogical and impractical. But not for the way maker.

2 KINGS 4:1-7 (NLT)

This is a story of death, devotion, debt and despair. Her husband who died was devoted to serving the prophet. The creditor came to take her two sons as slaves to pay off her debt. She had very little and was in despair, all hope was gone. God's way seemed illogical, and impractical. But God's provision knows no limits. The only limit was on the number of vessels. The key was to do what God said.

2 KINGS 5:9-13 (NLT)

The way maker can make His way known, but we must do our part and cooperate with Him.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

There have always been two systems of religion in the world. One is God's system of divine accomplishment, and the other is man's system of human achievement: God's grace and Man's works; faith or flesh. These two opposing ways are characterized by Jesus.

1. The wide pathway is the road everyone begins on.
 - A. It's spacious and easy to follow. It includes every lifestyle, religion and view the world offers.
 - B. It's popular. Crowds follow it and entice others to do so as well. Those who don't, are considered strange.
 - C. It's destructive. It leads to ruin, pain, and eternal separation from God.

PROVERBS 16:25

2. The narrow pathway is:
 - A. Hard to find. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:4**
 - B. It's unpopular. The path of the world is easy to follow. Turning away from the crowd, family and friends is sometimes necessary.
 - C. Paved with blood. **JOHN 14:5-6, HEBREWS 10:19-22**
 - D. Leads to life. **JOHN 10:10**

CONCLUSION:

Our God is a way maker, who makes a way when there is no way. He made a way for Abraham and Sarah to have Isaac, for Moses to deliver Israel from Egypt, for Daniel to spend a night with lions, for David to defeat Goliath; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to not be burned; for Jehoshaphat to be delivered; for Gideon to win the battle, for Mary to have a child, and for us to pass from death to life.