THE WAY MAKER – 2 MARCH 27, 2022

REVIEW:

- He made a way through the Red Sea.
- He made a way through the Jordan River.
- He made a way for the widow to pay her debt.
- He made a way for me to pay my rent and hospital bill.

CONTINUE - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

- He made a way for me to travel back to Youngstown.
- He made a way for me to pay back a government incentive.

HEALING

2 KINGS 5:9-13 (NLT)

- He made a way for Naaman to be healed of leprosy. Naaman got healed when he humbled himself and decided to do it God's way, not the way he thought it should be done.
- **PROVERBS 4:20-22** We attend to God's Word by listening to what He says, thinking about what He says, and believing what He says, which results in life and health.

SALVATION

JOHN 14:1-6

There have always been two systems of religion in the world. One is God's system of divine accomplishment, the other being man's system of human achievement. In short, man's way, and God's way. Jesus is the only way to the Father.

• **REVELATION 5:9** Only Jesus is worthy and qualified to open the book and seals. His achievements qualify Him.

GENESIS 4:3-5

- Three truths are revealed in God's redemptive plan:
 - 1. Sin brings a cycle of death and destruction.
 - 2. No one has the ability to save himself.
 - **3.** Only God can provide a way back to Himself.
- Cain and Abel
 - 1. Abel's offering was accepted. Probably consumed by fire. **HEBREWS 11:4**, **LEVITICUS 3:16** He demonstrated his faith by doing it God's way (offering the fat).
 - 2. Cain's offering was rejected. He believed his way was better than God's.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

- Jesus spoke of two ways.
 - **1.** Broad way: is spacious, popular, and destructive. It includes every world view, lifestyle and religion. It leads to ruin, pain and eternal separation.
 - 2. Narrow way: hard to find (2 CORINTHIANS 4:4); Unpopular; paved with blood (HEBREWS 9:6-8 NCV, 10:19-22 NCV). Leads to life (1 JOHN 5:12).

CONCLUSION: PROVERBS 16:25

Our God is a way maker who makes a way for the impossible to become possible no matter what the circumstance may be. It's our responsibility to find God's way and walk in it.

Paul Anka wrote a song for Frank Sinatra, "I did it my way." It's been the number one song in hell ever since. Sinatra came to hate the song because it was too self-serving and self- indulgent. "I did it God's way" tops the charts in eternal glory!