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The Way, the Truth and the Life  
John 14:1-7

Have you ever had a difficult time choosing a path because:

• You had a prior bad experience?

• Everything didn't line up as you wanted?

• You had to say no to other paths?

John 14:1-7 *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."*  
5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"  
6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

The Dead Ends to Faith:

**Dead End #1: Trusting in \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Dead End #2: Trusting in \_\_\_\_\_**

John 14:5 *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*

**Dead End #3: Trusting in \_\_\_\_\_**

John 14:6-7 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

- Knowing the Way--
- Knowing God--

Point:

**Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!**



**1. Observation** – "What stands out to you?"

Observation is noticing, perceiving or recognizing the clues in the text.

**2. Interpretation** – "What does it mean?" & "What did it mean?"

Try to determine what the book, passage, or sentence meant to the original readers. Look up the context it in which it took place. What is God communicating here?

**3. Application** – "What does it mean to me (us)?"

Is it to **teach** me some new understanding? **Expose** something in my actions? **Correct** some wrong understanding or prejudice I have about God, other people, or myself? **Train** me to live a more holy, righteous life? If I were to truly apply this passage to my life how would it change the way I think or act?

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