

ONE WAY OUT

In March 2006, shortly before we came to England, we visited one of Pat's sisters in Amarillo, Texas, to celebrate her and her husband's 50th wedding anniversary. We left there to drive home to Missouri after lunch the next day. About 40 miles down the motorway, the traffic in both lanes suddenly stopped. High winds and drought conditions had combined to produce some huge prairie fires across the vast grasslands in this area.

It soon became clear that the traffic would be stopped for hours. Many people turned across the grass median and headed west out of harm's way. We did not take that means of escape as we were afraid our small car would not make it. After a long delay, we were able to move forward enough to turn around and drive down an entrance ramp. We decided to take a road 15 miles south. When we got on the other road, we continued east, thinking that we would turn back north to the motorway after we passed the fire area. But after a few miles, the traffic on our new road also came to a halt. Another fire was approaching this road from the south. This time, we saw the flames creeping across the fields and getting close to the highway. Fortunately, we were close to a crossroad to the west bound lanes. We had a choice. We could stay put and hope that the traffic would move and we would escape the rage of the fire, or we could take the crossroad and turn around and go back to safety. Once again we turned around, this time following the road all the way back to Pat's sister's house in Amarillo, from whence we had started that day.

Life is like the grass fires. We get caught up in the sins and woes of every day life. God gives us an out that we can take, but unfortunately, many times we choose to remain in our sins. Just as we were afraid that we would damage our car if we drove across the grass median, people are afraid that if they take God's way out, they will hurt relationships, lose a job, or lose out financially. But God continuously seeks us and gives us a way out.



That way out is through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16. What choice will you make? Will you take God's way out or will you choose to stay in your present state?

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