

## Lesson 185 Take the High Road

Always be the first to do the right thing, take the high road. Do not condemn the person, condemn the act. Do not join in (with bad behavior) be separate from it. What has light to do with darkness? Be the person I would have you be, love them all in spite of their shortcomings, love them all as I created each one of them, see them as I do – for their possibilities. Be the rudder that steers all in the right direction. Do this and I will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace.

### Introduction

Today's lesson is about doing right. I was going to say that it's about being right but I knew that that would hold negative connotation's with it, so let's just say that it's about being the best person you can be. The Lord introduced this topic with these words, He said:

**Always be the first to do the right thing, take the high road.**

So that's an interesting expression isn't it, **take the high road**, I was wondering about the origin of this expression and I found several possible explanations but the one that struck home the most with me was this. It basically said that long ago before we had streets of concrete and asphalt, before there were bridges or such, people had to travel on the ground. And sometimes along their travels they would come to a point that would have two paths that would ultimately lead them to the same destination. One path would lead them across low ground while the other would lead them across higher ground.

The path on low ground would usually be the more direct, faster route, but because it was on low ground that would mean that it would be the path that they had a greater chance of getting dirtier on, simply because rain water just naturally flows to the lowest spots. If they chose to go on this path they would probably get there quicker but they would in all likelihood get there dirtier too. Even worse than that, they would have a greater chance of getting stuck because of all the low muddy spots along this way. And if they did get stuck, well, they wouldn't have ended up saving any time in the long run would they?

If, however, they chose to take the high road they would have probably ended up coming out the cleaner for it. Yes, it may have taken them longer because it was a less direct route, it may have taken them longer because there was a hill they had to climb. (There were no shortcuts on this route.) Yet in spite of all this, this path required fewer repairs to be made. In other words, there was no dirt to be cleaned up. The wheels turned more smoothly on the solid ground of the high road.

And isn't this what the Lord wants for us to have a cleaner, safer journey, with less chance of getting stuck in the dirt and the muck (manure, mud, slime, or quagmire)? And that is why the Lord said, **Always be the first to do the right thing, take the high road.** This will be the emphasis of today's lesson. It is a point that the Lord has been emphasizing a lot lately, that of "walking His path", for example on:

07/09/14 - Stay on path. No doubts. I see your efforts, continue pushing forward. Your reward is great. Focus on what I put before you, nothing else.

08/04/14 – **Daily, do as I say. You will see, All I have for you, Walking with Me. Keep the flow.**

08/05/14 - **Proceed with caution, Beware the enemy's traps, There is a safe way through, I will guide you, Take My hand and follow me.**

08/07/14 - **Tread where I say. I will lead you.**

08/08/14 - **Follow Me closely. I order your steps. In My name all is possible. Breaks the bonds.**

08/10/14 - **Pursue the righteous path (actions / thoughts) In Me.**

08/10/14 - **Align, keep it straight, walk with me in all ways, even when it's hard, you will grow while going through tough times. Balance, right measure, that is what I like.**

08/11/14 – **Stand tall...shine brightly in all places.**

08/12/14 - **I am in control of all, follow no man, always look to Me in everything/ I will not lead you astray if you will walk in step with Me/ Go not astray to the left and the right but walk the path that's set before you.**

I described in as "walking His path" in the words above because this lesson is essentially about **doing the right thing**, it's about **taking the high road** and isn't that equivalent to "walking His path"? In the bible it says in:

**Psalm 23:1-3** *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters, He stores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

But before we proceed I must point out that there is a notation in my bible that says that the literal translation is not actually *beside the still waters* but it does in fact say *beside the waters of rest*; and isn't that the way it should be? Are we not to take the high road, the road that in the end will be less stressful, not only for ourselves but for others as well. This is the point of today's lesson. We need to learn that actions have consequences, for either the good or the bad, depending on the choices we make. Of this the Lord said,

11/12/13 - Everyone walks where they choose to walk. I coerce no one. I AM the Lord their God yet I do not want My children to feel obligated to come and seek Me. I want them to come of their own free will, of their own choosing. Clemency is asked for, pardon, their desires are put before Me yet they do not acknowledge Me in their walk. They go their own way with no desires to come to know Me, yet in times of trouble they seek miracles and answers to their prayer. How is it that man has become so arrogant as to think I AM a genie in a bottle? Relationship is built over time. Seek Me now in the calm, in the peace of your situation. Seek and listen and learn and then maybe if you do this, then just maybe, there will be less need (less dire circumstances in need of repair). My laws teach, My laws protect. My laws were given for a reason. You cannot pick and choose and not expect consequences when you are walking in unrighteousness.

01/04/14 - The world chooses not to follow and it reaps the consequences of disobedience.

07/29/14 - Beacon of light/ shine deeply, find measure/ bait and hook, snap/ measure the consequences/ make no mistake, beyond control.

07/31/14 - Connections made, Consider the consequences.

08/13/14 - Be not careless; consequences costly; ongoing ramifications.

Rest does not come easily to the one stuck in the dirt, the muck, the manure, the quagmire of today's low ground. If we are to find these *paths of righteousness* then we must be **Walking with Him**. This is the message we will explore for today.

## **Condemn the Act**

In the introduction section of today's lesson we learned about the negative consequences that accompany wrong choices that ultimately create **dire circumstances in need of repair**. This is just the opposite of the "high road" type of scenario that the Lord spoke of earlier. In this section we will begin to apply this line of

reasoning to how we interact with others. Let's begin by examining this passage from the Lord, where He said,

**Do not condemn the person, condemn the act.**

What bible story does that remind you of? My first thought went to the adulterous woman. Do you remember what Jesus said to her in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of John? The story goes like this:

**John 8:4-11** *They said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."*

What we learned from this story is that there was a choice to be made. It appears that the scribes and the Pharisees tried to use this situation to trap Jesus. They inferred that the woman should be condemned, but how did Jesus choose to handle this? Jesus did not condemn the woman He did, however, condemn the act, for He told her to *go and sin no more*. His handling of this situation brought her peace. The law said that people who committed such acts should be stoned. But Jesus did not want the sinner to die, He wanted her to repent of the evil she had committed. His handling of the situation brought her peace because He did not condemn her, no, He instead wanted the best for her.

So what can we take away from this story? Well this story teaches us is that we all have choices to make. We can take the low road or we can take the high road. And when you apply this idea to this particular story, we can see that the high road in this instance was that of wanting the best for the woman. It pointed us towards repentance and forgiveness as opposed to sin and condemnation. In this instance **the high road** helped the woman to walk *beside the waters of rest*. Yet it still pointed her in the direction of *no more sin*. It reminds me of this from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew where Jesus said:

**Matthew 7:1-2** *“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”*

But it also reminds me of some words the Lord gave me back in June of this year. I have it written like this in my flowbook. It says:

06/11/14 - Before having my meeting I had just read this passage from the book of Matthew. Jesus is speaking:

**Matthew 12:33-37** *“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

And after I read this the Lord put it in my mind that **our words are a reflection of what’s in our hearts**. I then received these words in my meeting:

What you read and felt is very true, words come from the heart. If your words are foul or mean-spirited, then this is the spirit that is inside of you. It may not be the entirety of your make-up but it is still there (present) all the same. Therefore, pay attention to your words as they are a reflection of your heart. And if you see or hear anything untoward then get rid of it. And replace it with My love remembering that you are to love your brother as yourself. Meditate on this as you move forward in your day. That is all for now go in peace.

This is another message about taking the high road isn’t it? I think so. It teaches us that we need to have our heart in the right place when it comes to our interactions with others. The Lord said, **pay attention to your words as they are a reflection of your heart**, if you use this same line of reasoning and apply it to what the scribes and Pharisees were saying in regards to the adulteress woman situation you can see that their hearts were not in a good place. Their words were **mean-spirited**. They were not filled with His **love**. They did not **remember that you are to love your brother (neighbor) as yourself** as instructed in the book of Leviticus:

**Leviticus 19:18** *“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I AM the LORD.*

But if you are still not convinced that this is the right path to follow, let's review a few more words from the Lord in this regard. They read like this:

09/26/13 - No condemnation - don't let it take your focus - I love you - don't forget that!

10/08/13 - Much to be revealed to the world concerning Me and My ways/ I need My hands and feet to move at My leading/ Show them the way/ Be an example for Me of real following Me/ No condemnation for any/ Forgiveness for all/ Each must forgive and be forgiven constantly/ This I would have you do.

10/08/13 – Counsel My people I bring/ Continue to lead them to Me/ My truth they will hear in you/ Continue to be humble/ Let them know it is Me they hear in you/ Answer all questions asked patiently and in love/ Turn no one away/ Speak the truth and set them free/ Condemn no one/ Love all where their at/ Show them My love.

11/23/13 - Watch how you walk. Every step you take has a reward or a judgment. Every word you speak can bring condemnation, love, confusion or bewilderment. Your tone, your look, your acts – everything hinges on Me.

12/05/13 - Shine brightly, No condemnation from Me...so no condemnation from you.

02/12/14 - Power on display in My Bride, Power for the world to see and marvel/ Power of spoken truth, Power of Deliverance, Power to set free the captives/ Speak My Truth boldly this is important, contain not disburse abundantly/ The world will know you are Mine; your speech will give you away/ I spoke as one having authority so will you/ Speak the truth with much boldness, much assurance knowing you got it from Me/ Argue not present truth and move on/ Truth is in love, inseparable/ To speak My truth is to show love/ Condemn not, do all things orderly.

04/08/14 - Every person walks a unique path. No two paths are alike. No two journeys are the same. Be understanding, therefore of your brethren, for only I know their heart and what they have gone through to get them to where they are right now. Do not judge according to appearance but make righteous judgments instead. Be not critical, but be honest, delivering the truth in love. Walk in love and righteousness. Follow My example, I did not condemn the adulterous woman, I simply instructed her to go and sin no more; therefore, do not condemn your fellow man. Be an encourager. Be an up-lifter. Let them know they were created with a purpose. Let them know that they are a child of God. Walk in this and I will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace.

What these passages do is they confirm the fact that we are to condemn the act and not the person. This does not mean that we do not deliver the truth; no it simply means that, we deliver the truth without condemnation. This is the high road we are to take with others. In the **September 24<sup>th</sup> God Calling** it says that, Teachers are to point the

way to Me, and aren't we all teachers when we are leading others towards those *waters of rest*.

## Be Separate

In the last section of the lesson we learned that we are **taking the high road** when we chose to condemn the act and not the person, all the while, we are delivering the truth to them. But we also learned that this must come from a place within our hearts that holds no sense of condemnation for them because we are to (as the bible put it) *love your neighbor as yourself*. This was the message delivered to us in the last section and now the next element for today's lesson comes through this when the Lord said,

**Do not join in (with bad behavior) be separate from it. What has light to do with darkness?**

So we're still going to be talking about choices. But in this case we are going to be talking about choosing to be good. To which the Lord also said,

05/20/14 – **Good choices lead to good results. Stay focused on Me and keep making good choices. Choose what you know is right. This may or may not be what you want, but choose what you know is right. This is not always easy. It takes self-control and self-discipline, however, it leads to good results and it is well worth the effort. Meet with Me regularly, read and study. This is what is right. Don't be choked out by the distractions of this world. Focus on what is right and make the right choices. (I knew this referred to everything from diet to what you watch on TV, to how you spend your time.)**

So He's saying, **Do not join in (with bad behavior) be separate from it**, which reminds me of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. If you recall, Lot lived in this depraved region, with his family. In the bible it says that there was a strong crying out against it:

**Genesis 18:20-21** *Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."*

Up to this point (as noted above) Lot, a servant of the Lord, he lived in this depraved region of Sodom and Gomorrah yet he did not behave wickedly, in fact, he encouraged others not to do so. For example Lot said in:

**Genesis 19:7** *Lot...said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly."*

But because he was righteous, the Lord sent angels to warn him to flee the impending doom that was to come.

**Genesis 19:12-13** *Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it."*

What this story teaches us is that Lot did not join in or go along with the wicked behavior of his fellow citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah. He chose instead to behave righteously and serve the Lord. Have you ever been in a situation where you were pressured to do the wrong thing? Daniel was. Remember the story from,

**Daniel 1:3-16** *Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.*

*But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king." Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see." So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.*



Daniel could have relented due to the pressure of the situation. He could have chosen to walk the path of least resistance (i.e. the low ground) but he knew that this would not be in his best interest. So he instead chose to seek higher ground that he might stay clean. He decided to **be separate from it**.

The Lord wants the same from you. He wants you to separate yourselves from the world and keep your focus on Him. He wants you **to do the right thing, take the high road** whether dealing with yourself or others. As noted below:

07/01/14 - **Continue thinking of Me often. Be a simple kind of man. Do not be worldly. Be kind and honest with everyone that crosses your path. Be humble, do not set out to impress. Say what you mean, and mean what you say. Walk upright in the light in all that you do. Your affairs must be an open book with nothing to hide. Keep it simple, love everyone as yourself. Pray for everyone as you would pray for yourself. Think on that.**

07/02/14 - **Think not about what others are doing, when and where they go. Focus only on the task I give you. I will work all the pieces together for My Righteous Purpose.**

07/12/14 - **Continue down the path of refinement, do not let self or the enemy discourage or dissuade you. You are in My hands on My Golden path.**

08/04/14 - **Cut the ties that bind.**

08/05/14 - **Delete wrongs, delete them/ belong only to Me, forever in My peace.** After the meeting, I asked Him how I don't belong to Him? He pointed out that every time I eat something I know I shouldn't, every time I talk about something that I shouldn't or allow wrong thoughts to linger longer than I should, I'm belonging to me or something else.

08/05/14 - **Beautiful understanding. It's not for man to force his will on another. Beautiful understanding. The will of your God Jesus this is perfection.**

08/06/14 - **Trust Me, I will guide you out, Walk with me.**

08/07/14 - **Never resign yourself to defeat, Turn to Me...turn to Me...turn to Me, I will guide you through to victory.**

08/10/14 - **Vision blinded by pride/ servants of 2 masters/ take from Me what you know, serve others well/ children do not forget yourselves/ similarly, do not forget Me.**

08/10/14 – **Each new day given is a day of opportunity to be your best in Me, a day to be compassionate yet cheerful, a day of hope and joy. Be humble, don't rattle on speaking many words just to hear yourself talk. No, be mine, move forward in right choices. I gave you the ability to make sound judgments and decisions. I would not have you as an ignorant soul unable to know right from wrong. Be good, follow My example, in other words, live a good life. Live it every day and know that I am with you along the way. Mistakes can be costly but so long as you learn from them, then all is not lost. Remember these words. That is all, go in peace.**

08/12/14 - Good fellas. See understand. Behaviors. Shine light in darkness. I speak to each. I AM your guide no other. Clean slate new day. Peer pressure is not of Me. I AM working in each. Bringing each to completion. Destiny. Keep focus single on your God Jesus. Do not worry. Do not fear. I AM with you always. Tried and true. My Beloved I Love you.

08/13/14 - Make wise choices, Nothing should be fear based, Proceed.

Neither Lot nor Daniel took the road of least resistance. They both chose to walk on higher ground. They both decided that it was better to stay clean. We should be no different from them. The Lord wants you to separate yourself from the world. He wants you to keep your focus on Him. He wants you to do the right thing, take the high road whether dealing with yourself or others. In other words He wants you to make wise choices in all that you do. After all, What has light to do with darkness?

### See Them as I Do

In the last section of the lesson we learned about going with the wiser choice of seeking higher ground by separating ourselves from the dirtiness of the world and its darkness; because as noted earlier in the lesson, wrong choices lead you to dire circumstances that will need to be repaired. In most instances the road of least resistance will therefore be in the end; the exact opposite road from that of taking the “high road”, in that it will ultimately bring you along a much more, difficult path (one that you will have to clean up the dirt, the messiness, the quagmire of it all). However, in this section we will once again begin to apply this same line of reasoning (that of taking the high road) to how we interact with others. The Lord said,

Be the person I would have you be, love them all in spite of their shortcomings, love them all as I created each one of them, see them as I do – for their possibilities.

The “them” that He is referring to here, these are the people who have chosen the low ground. These are the people who go with wrong choices. They do not separate themselves from the darkness or the dirtiness of the world. No, they choose to go along with it. These are the people the Lord is telling us to love, love them for their possibilities, love them because He made them. Love them all in spite of their shortcomings and their choices made. This is the “high road” He will be speaking of in this section.

The Lord has offered several suggestions that I believe we can apply to this situation. They are as follows:

08/03/14 - Let Me come/ rapture, joy/ forgiveness in all things/ release from the prison.  
08/03/14 - Take what I give you to the world. Prepare. Such joy. Excitement. Stay focused. Know boundaries. I make them. Abounding grace and love. Walk. now go.  
08/04/14 - Shine. Be who I made you to be.  
08/04/14 - Counsel understanding HH- Motives. See motives. Understand why.  
08/04/14 – Compassion, mercy, Love of your God Jesus. See the beauty of forgiveness and Love.  
08/08/14 - Reunite with loved ones, time grows short.  
08/09/14 - Each day holds new challenges; hard work or obligations to be met. But I never give you more than you can bear. See Me clearer and then teach of Me through example. Be supportive of your husband. Be supportive of your children. Lift them all up with positivity and love. Be a nurturer. Be an encourager. Nothing negative only positive. If someone is focused on the negative – speak the positive and continue following only Me. Just because another says it is so, that is not necessarily true – you move forward in My truth and My guiding alone. This (His guiding) is all positive.  
08/10/14 - Walk with Me. Accuracy in all. Stalwart. Pleasing qualities in My Beloved. Take negative thoughts captive do not entertain. Stay positive in thought and action. Word aware. Think before you speak. With power comes responsibility.  
08/11/14 - Gain knowledge, understanding, be free/ to all understanding be fitted.  
08/12/14 - Wash away the tears, nothing but the blood of Jesus/ reverberate kindness.  
08/12/14 - Make sure your heart matches your words.

These I believe are some of the messages we have received recently that can be applied to the idea of loving them all in spite of their shortcomings. From the bible we read that we are to:

**Romans 12:9-10** *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.*

**Hebrews 13:1** *Let brotherly love continue.*

And of course from:

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*

*If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.*

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

*As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

To the two listeners the Lord said,

**January 17<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - Abide in My Love. An atmosphere of loving understanding to all men. This is *your* part to carry out.

**February 24<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - Silently the work of the Spirit is done. Already Love is drawing others to you. Take *all* who come as sent by Me, and give them a royal welcome. It will surprise you, all that I have planned for you.

Welcome all who come with the love of both your hearts. *You* may not see the work. Today they may not need you. Tomorrow they may need you. I may send you strange visitors. Make each desire to return. Nobody must come and feel unwanted.

Share your Love, your Joy, your Happiness, your time, your food, gladly with all. Such wonders will unfold. You see it all but in bud now -- the glory of the open flower is beyond all your telling. Love, Joy, Peace, in richest abundance -- only believe. Give out Love and all you can with a glad free heart and hand. Use all you can for others, and back will come such countless stores and blessings.

**June 13<sup>th</sup> God Calling** - You have entered now upon a mountain climb. Steep steps lead upward, but your power to help others will be truly marvelous. Not alone will you arise. All towards whom you now send loving, pitying thoughts will be helped upward by you.

Looking to Me, all your thoughts are God-inspired. Act on them and you will be led on. They are not your own impulses but the movement of My Spirit and, obeyed, will bring the answer to your prayers. Love and Trust. Let no unkind thoughts of any dwell in your hearts, then I can act with all My Spirit-power, with nothing to hinder.

In today's message the Lord is telling us to **Be the person I would have you be**. He is basically telling us to see the **possibilities** in others by **loving them all** as He would (i.e. take the **"high road"** with them). Don't judge them. Don't focus on their inconsistencies. Don't focus on the negative, focus on the positive in every person you see, see the person He created them to be. When Jesus was here He left us with a new commandment that said,

**John 13:34** *"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another."*

## **Be the Rudder**

In the last section of the lesson we were encouraged to see people as Jesus sees them. We were told to love them in spite of their shortcomings. In other words we were told to take the **"high road"** when it comes to our dealings with others. And this **"high road"** of course means loving each one of them individually as He has loved us, as He has loved them. This is what Jesus is teaching us today. He continued on this theme of taking the **"high road"** when He said this:

**Be the rudder that steers all in the right direction. Do this and I will be well pleased.**

Therefore the Lord is letting us know that we are to be the example. We are to be the light that the dirty world sees. We are to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness that points them in the right direction. We are to be the **rudder that steers** their ship. We are to **Be the person I would have you be, loving them all**. This message I believe has been confirmed through this:

07/26/14 - **Now act upon My plans; do as I say; precisely; share.**

07/27/14 - **I alone am God; raise the awareness level; share My facts; undeniable facts; save, save, save; pick up the momentum; you must, My Chosen.**

08/04/14 - **Deliver My message, Speak as someone with authority for I have given it to you.**

08/06/14 - Tender mercy's. Gentle. Be as I AM. Do not crush what is tender. Nurture, bring up in the Love of your God Jesus. Love draws close. Love one another as I love you. One in your God Jesus.

08/06/14 - Say all that I say. You know My words. Spread. Give. To all who I send to you. They are dear to Me because they have the heart for Me. Hear them.

08/07/14 - Prepare the way for My chosen/ Deal in righteousness.

08/07/14 - Performance. Unity. Harmony. Yes beautiful. Practice makes perfect. Machine fine tuned. Rev it up. Ride captain ride. Life. Set the captives free. Gargantuan task. My Beloved you can do it.

08/10/14 - New day, new hope. Each day see the beauty of your God Jesus. Walk with Me. Accuracy in all. Stalwart. Pleasing qualities in My Beloved. Take negative thoughts captive do not entertain. Stay positive in thought and action. Word aware. Think before you speak. With power comes responsibility.

## Summation

Today's lesson has been about doing right. It was about being the best person you can be, the person God intended you to be. The Lord introduced this topic with these words, He said, **Always be the first to do the right thing, take the high road**. What we learned is that the Lord wants for us to have a cleaner, safer journey, with less chance of getting stuck in the dirt and the muck (the quagmires) of life. In other words He wants us to avoid the negative consequences that accompany wrong choices that ultimately create **dire circumstances in need of repair** (which is the opposite of taking the "high road").

And what we discovered is that He wants this not just for you or me personally but this is what He wants for all of us. Yes, He wants all of us to take the "high road" whether we are dealing with something that just affects you as an individual or if it touches another person as well. In other words He wants us to take the "high road" in all of our dealings period, no matter what.

He wants us to see the **possibilities** in others by **loving them all** as He would. This is the gist of today's message. It came to us today through this:

**Always be the first to do the right thing, take the high road. Do not condemn the person, condemn the act. Do not join in (with bad behavior) be separate from it. What has light to do with darkness? Be the person I would have you be, love them all in spite of their shortcomings, love them all as I created each one of them, see them as I do – for their possibilities. Be the rudder that steers all in the right direction. Do this and I will be well pleased. That is all for now, go in peace.**

And finally in closing I think it would be good for all of us to remember this, the Lord said,

08/03/14 - Oh how I love each of you. If you could only see My depths. Know that I love you and I have great plans for each of you. Look to Me every day, sit quietly with Me. It will be well worth your time, I promise you. I have everything to give. I AM everything. There is nothing without Me.

The Lord feels this way about us all. He sees the value in you. He sees the value in Me. If He feels this way, who am I to be critical? Who am I to be judgmental? No, I am to see the person as Jesus sees them. I am to see **their possibilities**, therefore I am to **take the high road**. I am to be the person who is there to lend a helping hand. I am to be the person that **steers** them **in the right direction**. This is the person I am to be, this is the person we are all to be.

May the Lord Bless you in this,

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