

Monday, 26 July, 2021 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

We were at a fork in the path that did not have the benefit of a signpost or trail blazes, and from our spot on the path both options looked equally viable. Without a deeper knowledge of the path (or general direction of travel), either fork could have been the appropriate one. Luckily, I knew which fork to take, but I've reflected that it could have made the hike a whole lot different had that not been the case. Sometimes, you need some sort of sign to know which direction to go.

We could probably say that most of the time the signposts are easy to spot - street signs, highway markers, exits, county/city lines. Other times, not so much - should I make this deal, is this the right time/right person to ask, is this really going to meet my needs? Sometimes the decision, the path to follow, is a no-brainer. Other times, we could sit and scratch our heads (literally or figuratively) for days.

And sometimes, we don't even know that we're going to need directions, because we don't even know we're going to come to a fork in the road. Such was the case for the disciples, as Jesus was about to be taken from them. Attempting to ease their anxiety, Jesus reminded them that they knew the way to the place he was headed. "But how," replied Thomas, "can we know the way, if we don't even know where you are going?" (John 14:1-5).

Furthermore, they not only knew the place, and the way, but how they were to travel - in the same love they had been shown in Jesus, they would love one another and show others the way, as well.

We are still journeying. More to the point, we are still sent on the journey. And the only way in which we can truly come to our destination is through the love we have been offered. And if we find we're not sure which fork to take, just take the one that most closely resembles the love of Christ. It won't lead you wrong.

Prayer: Lord, let me travel in your love, and let others see a path toward you by watching my journey. Amen.