



Thursday Thought

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“U Turns”

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“When you're finished changing, you're finished.” - Benjamin Franklin

Verse for the week: Matthew 5:9 (NLT) “God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”

Several years ago, I drove a 66-passenger church bus. I would drive all over Huntington, Indiana picking up children, teenagers, and even adults for church. On one occasion, I heard a commotion and realized the passengers were all yelling at me because I was going the wrong direction on a one way road! I'm not sure how I could have done that, but boy was it a transformational moment! I immediately looked for a way to turn the bus around or a road to turn onto so we wouldn't crash into someone going the right direction. For months (and even years) afterward, the students would harass me about it. The incident was such a powerful lesson for me. I never went that way again and I'm careful now and watch for arrows and signs (I wish others did).

The Bible is filled with individuals who were heading the wrong way and changed directions. One of the most notable is the apostle Paul. At one time he was arresting Christians and having them killed, and after a transformational moment he made a U-turn and began encouraging people to become Christians. There are more books in the New Testament written by the apostle Paul than anyone else.

Every moment we are faced with choices. Will we continue going the direction we are going, or will we turn around? Jesus was encouraging the church in Sardis to have a transformational moment when he said in Revelation 3:3 (NLT) **“Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again.”** II Corinthians 6:2 says, **“...Indeed, the right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.** Today you have a choice. Will you continue the direction you are going or will you make a change? Today could be your transformational moment.

Questions to ask yourself: What change do you need to make today?