

SERMON NOTES

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This is what the Lord
says: "Stand at the
crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way
is, and walk in it;
and you will find rest for
your souls."

Jeremiah 6:16

Forward for the Heart of Your King

"In an ill-fated battle, Douglas found himself surrounded, and in this situation death was both certain and imminent. In that moment Douglas reached for the heart strapped around his neck, flung the heart into the enemy's midst, and cried out, 'Fight for the heart of your king!' One historian quoted Douglas as shouting 'Forward, brave heart as thou were wont to do, and Douglas will follow his king's heart or die!' The motto of the Douglas clan to which the present duke belongs is even to this day simply, 'Forward'"

Passage from "The Barbarian Way" by Erwin McManus

God's heart moves us _____.

Exodus 14:10-16

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 13 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." 15 The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. 16 Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground."

God's heart moves us forward _____.

1 Kings 19:4-11

4 then walked another whole day into the desert. Finally, he came to a large bush and sat down in its shade. He begged the LORD, "I've had enough. Just let me die! I'm no better off than

my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down in the shade and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel woke him up and said, "Get up and eat." 6 Elijah looked around, and by his head was a jar of water and some baked bread. He sat up, ate and drank, then lay down and went back to sleep. 7 Soon the LORD's angel woke him again and said, "Get up and eat, or else you'll get too tired to travel." 8 So Elijah sat up and ate and drank. The food and water made him strong enough to walk 40 more days. At last, he reached Mount Sinai, the mountain of God, 9 and he spent the night there in a cave. While Elijah was on Mount Sinai, the LORD asked, "Elijah, why are you here?" 10 He answered, "LORD God All-Powerful, I've always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!" 11 "Go out and stand on the mountain," the LORD replied. "I want you to be there when I pass by."

God's heart moves us forward even when we are _____.

Isaiah 30:19-22

19 People of Jerusalem, you don't need to cry anymore. The Lord is kind, and as soon as he hears your cries for help, he will come. 20 The Lord has given you trouble and sorrow as your food and drink. But now you will again see the Lord, your teacher, and he will guide you. 21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, you will hear a voice saying, "This is the road! Now follow it." 22 Then you will treat your idols of silver and gold like garbage; you will throw them away like filthy rags.

Jeremiah 6:16

16 The LORD said to his people: "You are standing at the Crossroads. So consider your path. Ask where the old, Reliable paths are. Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it. If you do, you will find rest for your souls." But they said, "We will not follow it!"