

*The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. Numbers 22:32 (NIV)*

## **Reckless Path**

**What path will you walk in life? Where will you go? What will you do? How will you live?** I think those questions have already been answered. **How so?** At one time I walked on a dark and dangerous, reckless path. I did what I wanted when I wanted. I lived for my own comfort and pleasure. I did what was right in my own eyes. I led my own life. I was the center of my own universe. Everything revolved around me. I didn't want or need anything from anyone else. I was obstinate. I was stubborn. I was filled with pride. No one could tell me anything I did not want to hear. I followed my own counsel. **That is a dark and dangerous, reckless path. How did walking on that path work out for you?** Not well, at all. **Tell me more.** No one can live this life without becoming bruised and battered and broken. That is exactly what happened to me. I hit rock bottom. My life was a mess. I reached the end of my rope. I had no hope. So, I cried out to you. **Yes, you did. What did I do for you?** You pulled me up out of the muck and mire that was my life. You set me on firm ground. You turned my life around. You became my Savior and Lord. You forgave my sin and cleansed my unrighteousness. You set me on a new path of loving, following and serving you. **Yes, I did all of this for you.** I am now desiring to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want to live the life that you have called me to live. **Yes, you do. I can see that.**

**But, it's time to take a little reality check.** How so? **Are you still trying to assert your rights? Must people live up to your expectations? Will you allow yourself to be mistreated? Will you overlook an offense? Do you need to right every wrong that has been committed against you? Before you answer, I want you to know that I do not expect you to live in an ongoing abusive situation. I am not calling you to allow your life to be under constant threat. But, know also, that I did not assert my rights. I suffered harm. I looked over offenses committed against me. Will you do what I did? Do you want to become like me as you follow me?** Yes Lord, I want to become like you. I will do what you did. I will not continue to assert my rights. People must not live up to my expectations. I will overlook offenses committed against me. **That is very good. Now, follow me.** Yes Lord, I will. **That is very good.**

*Lord, thank you for taking me off a reckless and dangerous path. You rescued me. You turned my life around. You took me off a path that led to death. You put me on the path of life. You are my Savior and Lord. Guard and guide my life as I follow and serve you Amen*





**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you walk on the path of life following Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will walk on the path of life as I follow you as my Savior and Lord.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I follow you today as my Savior and Lord?*

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