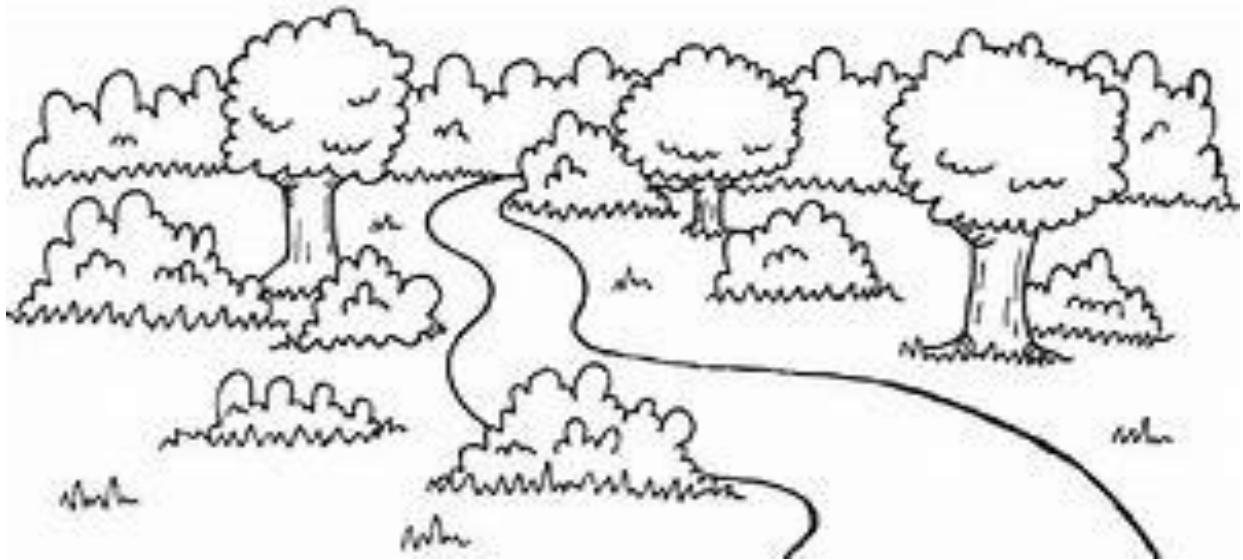


**Psalm 25:4-5, “Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.”**



When I was a young girl, I would frequently walk in the woods on my parent's property. We lived in Tennessee surrounded by 300+ acres of wooded hills. Before going alone, I went frequently with my parents making mental notes of the path they took through the woods. There was no beaten path to follow; therefore the danger of getting lost was one I feared most.

I remember one time, when I could not figure out where I was in the woods. Fear overcame me and I felt like crying. I kept walking hoping I would finally arrive in an area that looked familiar and get back my bearings. I remember walking up and down many steep hills wandering in fear and beginning to lose my strength. As the evening began to approach, I finally crested a hill which brought such relief to my heart. From that moment on, I knew the way home.

In life, I find the path God leads me on many times has no beaten pathway to follow. I know of no one else that has followed God in certain specific areas. No one to point to and say, "I'll follow their footsteps." I have to solely trust in God to show me the way through the woods of life.

Without Him, I would be utterly lost. Like being lost in the woods, fear would come and my strength would begin to fail. Then as I look again towards Him, I would clearly see the path He wants me to take. Filling my heart with renewed joy, I would know the way safely home.

Moses pleaded for God to direct his path.

Exodus 33:13-14, "Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

David pleaded for God to direct his path.

Psalm 27:11, "Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies."

Psalm 86:10-12, "For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore."

Psalm 143:8-11, "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble."