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I. Old Road Traveled vs. 1-3

A. We were traveling down a dead end street. v.1

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

Proverbs 7:27 (NIV) ²⁷ Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 16:25 (NIV) ²⁵ There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

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² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

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Matthew 8:29 (NIV) ²⁹ "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

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Ephesians 1:20-23 (NIV) ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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C. We were traveling the path of least resistance. v.3

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

John 8:44 (NIV) ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.

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II. New Road Traveled vs. 4-10

A. He gave us a new destination. vs. 4-5

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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B. He gave us the keys to the family estate. v. 6

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Matthew 16:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

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⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace,

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C. He restored us for the journey. v. 10

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We are God's "*poem*" (ποίημα, poiēma), *something carefully crafted by his own hands.*) College Press NIV Commentary

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Romans 1:20 (NIV) ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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