

Dear Friends,

I was looking through a drawer a couple of weeks ago and came across a set of postcards I'd bought last year. They were of lines from songs and the one which caught my eye was of a line from the song Moon River which was written for the film 'Breakfast at Tiffany's.' The song was an instant hit, winning various awards and has become a classic in its own way for many people since.

Johnny Mercer, who wrote the lyrics, used the river he knew from his childhood in Savannah, Georgia as the inspiration. The message of the song is not just about dreaming of the future but acting to make the dream a reality. One particular line in it, the line on the postcard, is 'wherever you're going, I'm going your way.'

There is such a sense of togetherness and companionship here. There is also a sense of anticipation and adventure which can be seen in some of the lyrics and a momentum in 'wherever you're going, I'm going your way.' We maybe don't use these exact words to other people, but we seek to walk alongside others.

If you were to think that Jesus was saying to you 'wherever you're going, I'm going your way,' I wonder how that would make you feel? There are so many examples of the times where Jesus' presence is there to help and guide us through the Holy Spirit, wherever we are on the journey of life. If we are facing a difficult time, Jesus says 'come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' In the Great Commission at the end of Matthew's gospel, when Jesus sends the disciples out to go and make disciples of all nations, he reminds them that he is always with them until the very end of the age. If we are faithful in our journey with God, we will know that Jesus is going our way.

The title of the song, 'Moon River,' could be a reminder that the nights are drawing in and, for some, this can be a difficult time. It could also be a reminder that wherever we are, whether it is night or day, Jesus is with us. Whether it is an actual or a metaphorical journey, Jesus is with us.

It is important to remember that God will continue to lead us through the Holy Spirit on our own personal journeys of discipleship and together as churches. Jesus will always be with us as a constant and reassuring presence. We need to make sure we turn to Jesus so that he can lead us in his ways. That way, we can be sure that we will be walking in the ways of Jesus today and every day.

On our journey of life, Jesus will be alongside us. Jesus will bring us the comfort we need and will lead us in his ways. Let us rejoice in this once again as we remember that Jesus' presence is assured today and every day until the end of the age.

God bless,
Chris