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Would you agree that life is a journey for everyone? Even for the most cynical, secular, non-believing person, life is a journey. From birth to death. From cradle to grave. Now, if we accept the thesis that life is a journey, then we have some choices to make about that journey. The first choice is what we are going to leave behind. When we travel to Florida for the winter, I cannot believe all the stuff I pack every year! The list goes on and on. I think I have spent far too much time traveling with a raincoat, hats, band-aids, medicines, creams, yards of dental floss, cold remedies and food along with our clothes. Why I haven't packed a parachute, too, I don't know.

Bruce Larson says, "Don't wait until you have all the equipment, all the training, and all the courses you need unless you are a brain surgeon. If God gives you a dream, don't spend too many hours, days and months getting ready. Launch out!" Also, you may choose to have a guide rather than a map for your journey. My guide is Jesus. He says to me often, "Move over, Pendexter; I'm in charge now." It isn't often perhaps, but when I do sit back and relax, and let Jesus be in charge, it makes all the

difference in how I live. I would rather have a guide than a map.

You may also choose your expectations for your journey. Do you want safety or adventure? As you know, Helen Keller was blind and deaf from birth, yet she became one of the Christian saints of our time. She wrote, “There is no such thing as security. It doesn’t exist. Life is either an adventure or it is nothing.”

If you believe this and you are ready for an adventure, God has one ahead for you and for me. God has a dream, a destiny for you. It won’t be easy. You will have problems. But on the journey Jesus will be with you. And with Jesus, you will have an adventure. In the twelfth century, a general once asked St. Brude, “Friend, if I become a Christian, what can I expect?” St. Brude said, “In your journey with Jesus you will stumble upon wonder after wonder, and every wonder will be true.” Isn’t that wonderful? Let’s agree to follow our God-given dreams.

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