

"We walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7

Somebody once said that leading a Christian life is like driving with fog lights: you get a pretty clear picture of the 10 metres or so directly in front of you, but beyond that, you can't see a thing. It's not a perfect picture - after all, fog is essentially unpleasant, especially to drive through - but in terms of seeing just the few metres in front, it's an accurate image of what it means to follow Christ.

Everyone is now asking what the way out of the lockdown will look like, and when they will be able to return to certain places and activities. We understandably want an idea of what the next few weeks might 'look like'. This of course is right in terms of planning for business, hospital treatment, weddings, holidays etc.

However, let's remember that following Jesus is often a case of NOT knowing where He might take us, but trusting that He himself has an overview that far exceeds our own wisdom. For those things that you can't see or predict over these coming weeks, He calls us to trust. Because He CAN see the road ahead already.

We've just celebrated VE day, so maybe it's appropriate to remember King George 6<sup>th</sup>'s words to the nation at Christmas in 1939, quoting the poem by Minnie Haskins:

**I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year**, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

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