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Walking Life's Footpaths

I am here on exchange from New Zealand, and my wife and I have been enjoying England in the Springtime. One of many differences that we have observed between here and New Zealand is the number of Footpaths and Bridle Ways that are scattered around your towns, villages, and countryside. In New Zealand these are not such a feature. Because Sue and I enjoy walking together we have been exploring some of the local paths.

Life is a journey, and the Christian life is a spiritual journey. As I find myself living and working in the land of John Bunyan, author of the allegory Pilgrims's Progress, I am encouraged that life brings us into contact with people and places in such a way as to further this journey with Jesus.

One of my favourite Bible authors is the Apostle Paul. In his letter to his Christian friends in Philippi, he says these words (Phillip's translation; Philippians chapter 3, verse 16): It is important that we go forward in the light of such truth as we have ourselves attained to.

This encourages me to assume that God deals with us whatever our stage of spiritual growth and understanding and experience. Then he wants to lead us on in our journey with Jesus.

And to begin that journey, we simply need to respond to Jesus, who called his first disciples with the words, "Follow me." He is still issuing that invitation today.