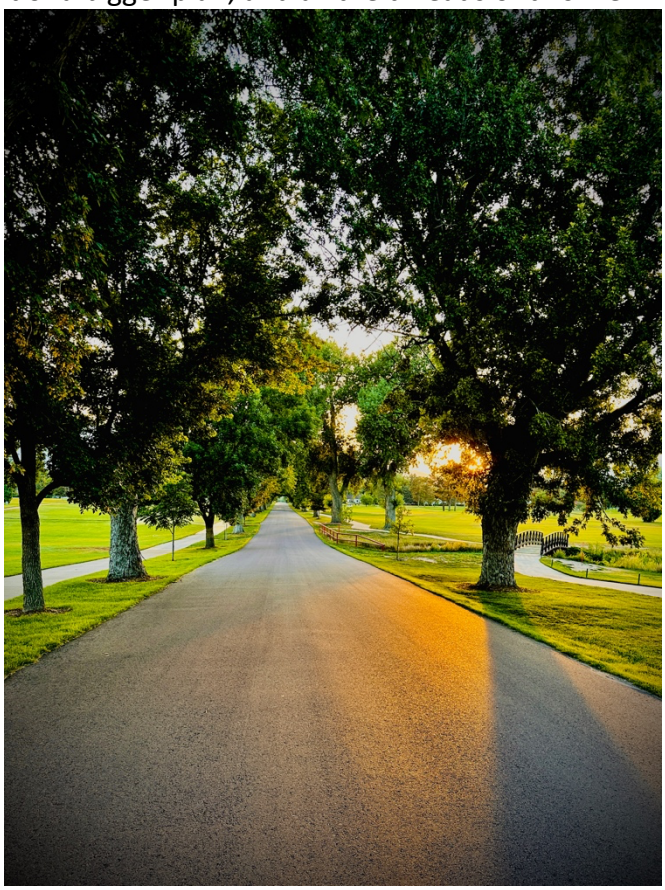
THRESHOLD: by Invitation

Genesis 35:11 'I am God, and I am more than enough.' (TPT)

There's a final threshold and we all must cross it someday. It is the most important passage of all. So, beautiful you, where will you spend forever?

I remember grade school, the exuberance over recess. How ecstatic, even on bad-weather days, we would watch the clock, counting down the moments for the bell to ring for recess; it, far-outweighing lunch. (Today, isn't it uncanny—it's just the opposite?! We would never skip lunch, *especially on a bad-weather day*, to go outside to run around!) We formed those crazy crooked lines and waited boisterously to be picked for some scrimmage of Red Rover, Capture the Flag or Tag. So excited to be chosen for one team or the other, we would then run like hoodlums, acting like we'd never normally act, just to be part of a team, a piece of something, a VIP in this world.

Do you know you are chosen, specifically chosen, on purpose for a purpose? From the beginning of time, a Holy God, the Creator of the Universe, looked down through the folds of history, stepped into your future, and dreamt you into being. He formed you; He designed you; He fashioned beautiful you from a pile of dirt and His breath He breathed into your lungs. He chose you to be part of a bigger plan, and all the threads of this life from the very beginning have been woven together to place you in His tapestry, so you could be a part of His team. And the grand prize? An eternity with Him in heaven.



He is a Gentleman, however; He will never force Himself on us. We have an opportunity to choose Him also. And many of us will not. Choosing Him means laying oneself aside, pulling on a humility exposing vulnerability, which ends up becoming a suit of armor, a protectant from the stings of enemy fire. It means crossing a threshold of jurisdiction—who really is in charge? Your life is no longer yours, but you realize you don't want it to be. Because His decisions for you are foolproof and His wisdom is foundational. You learn He will go anywhere with and for you as long as He is invited.

And the reward is fully ours. Someday, we will all cross a final threshold. We will step over a line that separates us in this life from what is ahead. If we have relinquished control, we will find ourselves in His presence. But if we have never accepted His invitation, the place we cross over in to will be one of eternal longing, weeping and suffering, detached from our Creator forever. The invitation and the final threshold are life-changing, one way or the other. So, beautiful you, where will you spend forever?

Revelation 3:20, '"Behold! I stand at your door and I knock. If anyone were to hear and allow Me to come in, I will spend time with him and he with Me.'" (Paraphrase, mine)