

## Central American Route



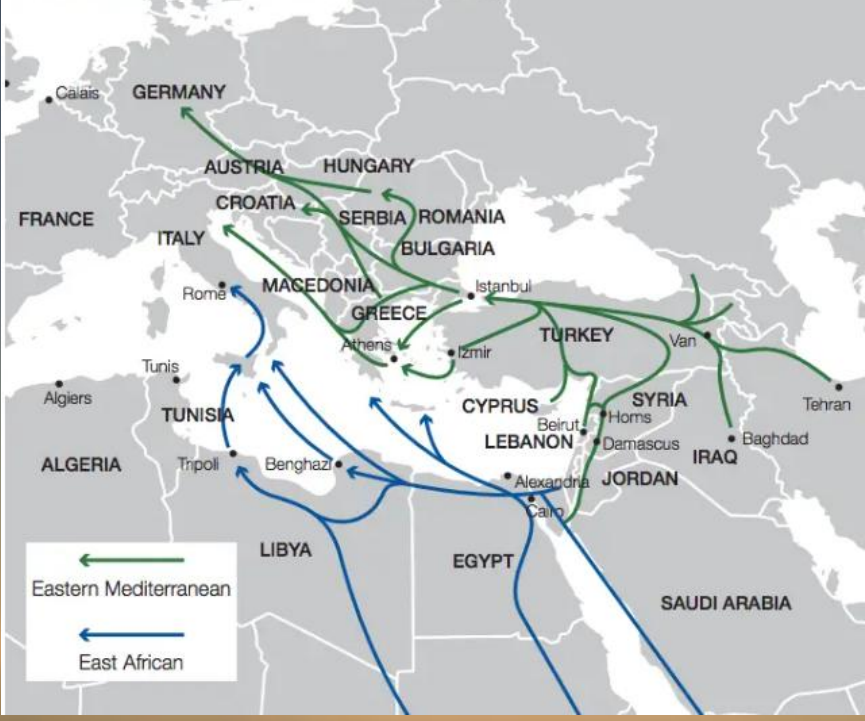
*in search of new home ...*



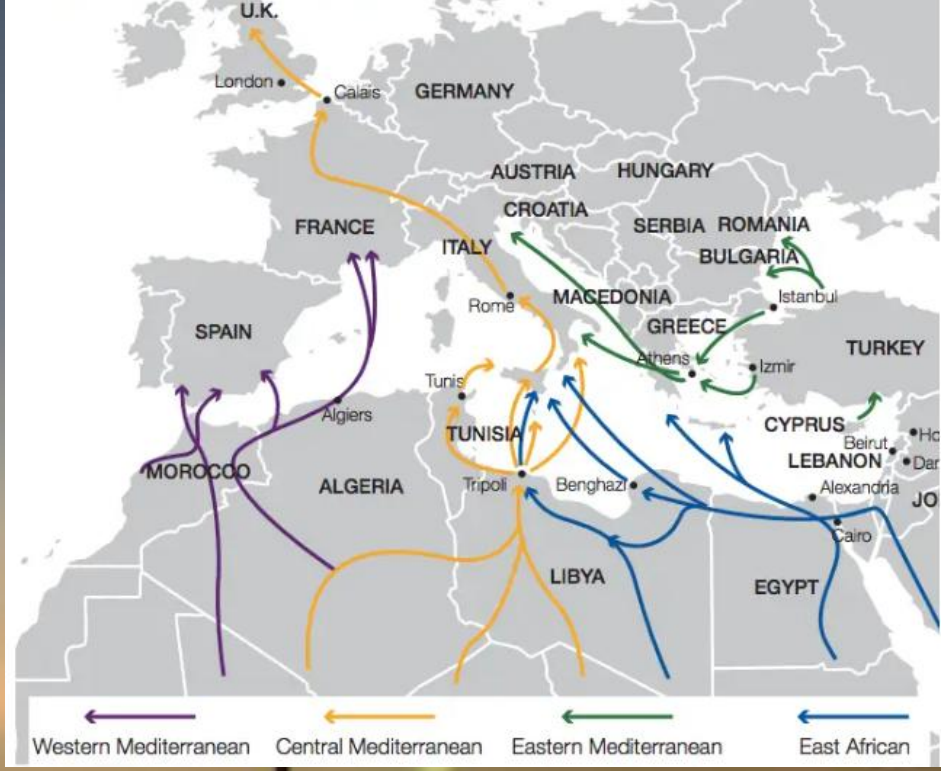
*"Mexico Feels Pressure of Relentless Migration from South America"*  
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### Eastern Mediterranean Route



### Mediterranean Sea Route



# The world's most popular migrant routes, in maps

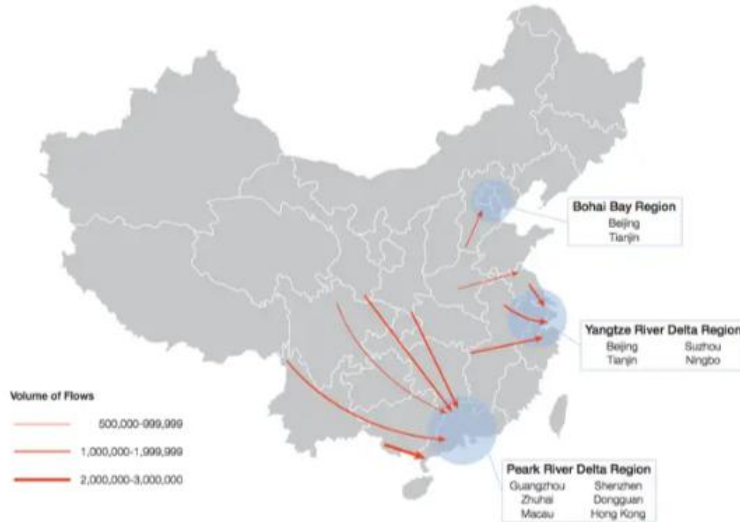
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# China

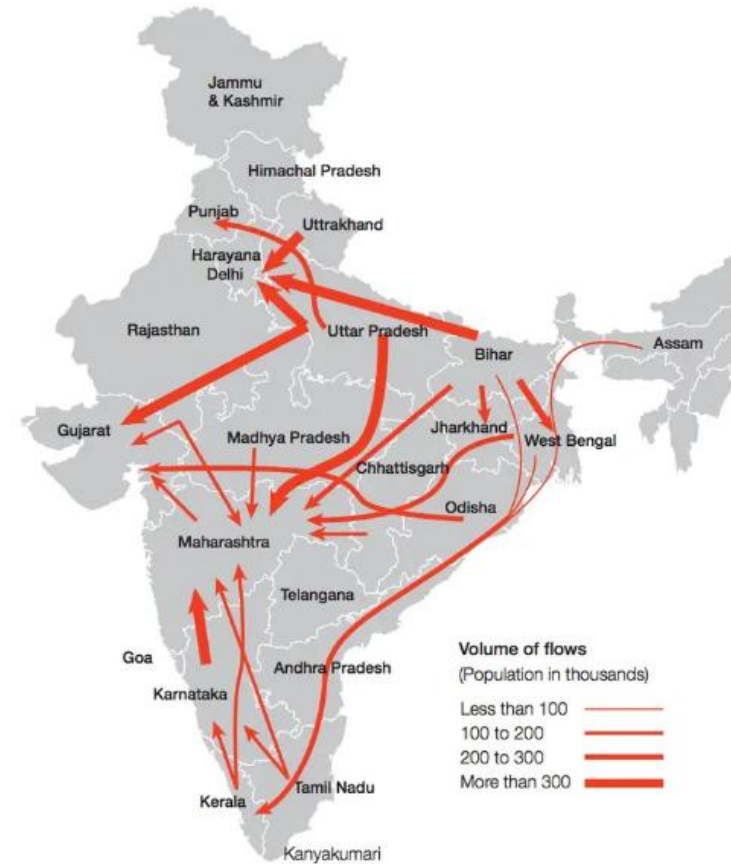
Source: Chan, 2012



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# India

Source: Migration Policy Institute, 2014 with additional routes from Kashyap, 2016



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# Russia

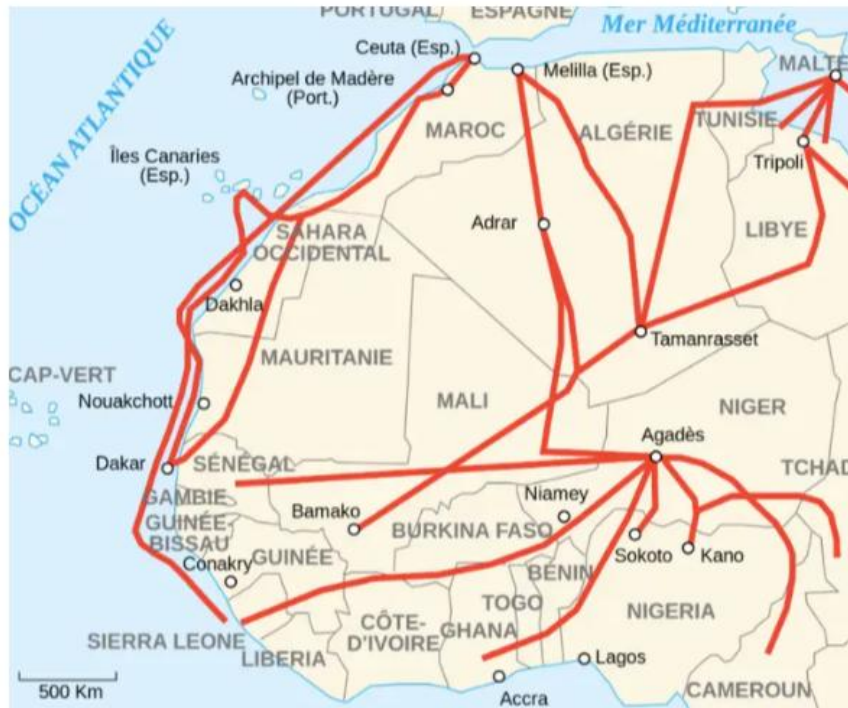
Figure 15: Internal Migration in Russia, 2016 (in '000s)

Source: Rosstat (Russian Federal State Statistics Service)



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## Western African route



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## Eastern routes



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## Prayers

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<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/immigrants-and-refugees>

# Immigrants and Refugees Prayers





it's  
time  
to  
come

**HOME**



SEASON OF  
**KINGDOMTIDE**

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- 1. The World at Good Shepherd - Sep. 10*
  - 2. A House of Prayer for All Nations - Sep. 17*
  - 3. A Way to the Tree of Life - Sep. 24*
  - 4. In Green Pastures besides Quiet Waters - Oct. 1*

**Back to Church Home**



# Genesis 3:21-24

## Divine Care for the Waywards



The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.  
**Genesis 3:21**

So **Moses** chiseled out two stone tablets ... went up Mount Sinai ... And **the Lord** came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaim his name, the Lord (YHWH)

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "**The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.** Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

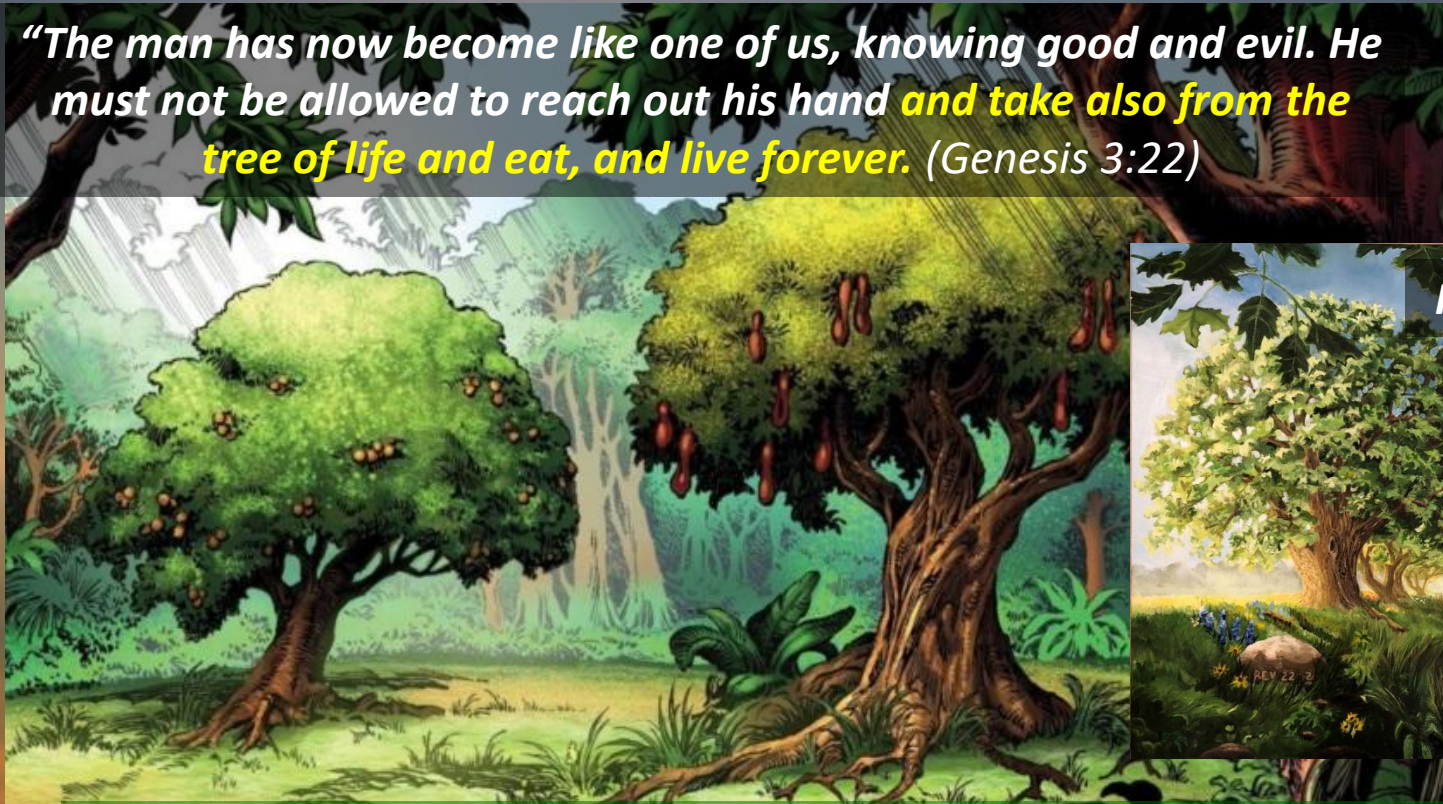
Exodus 34:4-7



# Genesis 3:21-24

## The Lord Spares the Tree of Life!

*"The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand **and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.** (Genesis 3:22)*



Revelation 22:2



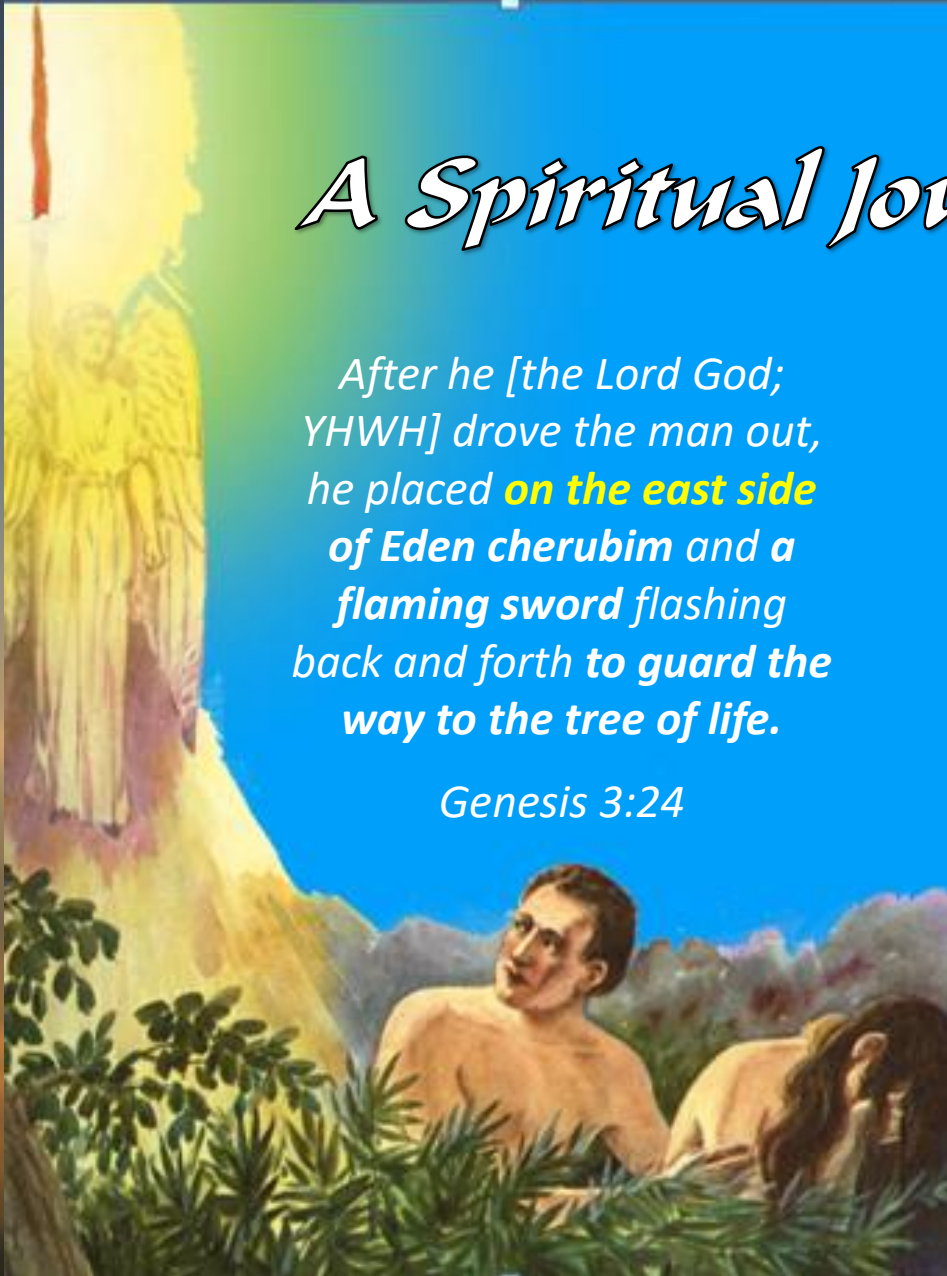
*God made all kinds of tree grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden **were the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.** (Genesis 2:9)*

# Genesis 3:21-24

## *A Spiritual Journey to the West*

After he [the Lord God; YHWH] drove the man out, he placed **on the east side** of Eden cherubim and a **flaming sword** flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24





# John 14:1-14

## *Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled!*



So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Genesis 3:23 NIV

Do not  
let your hearts  
be troubled.

*Trust in God.*

-JOHN 14:1

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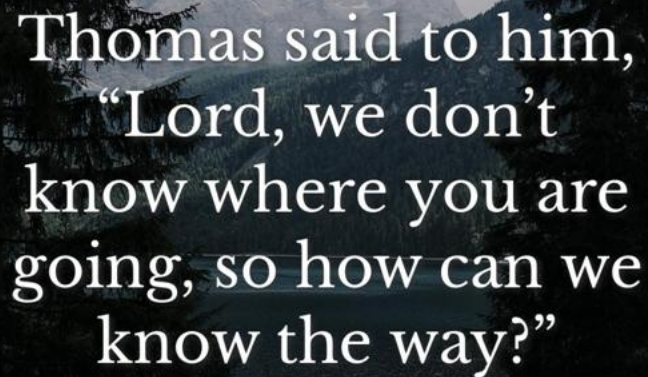
**Genesis 3:21**

# John 14:1-14

## *The Way, The Truth, The Life*


Jesus answered,  
“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**John 14:6**



Thomas said to him,  
“Lord, we don’t  
know where you are  
going, so how can we  
know the way?”

– John 14:5 NIV




*through Jesus Christ  
in Christ  
by him!*



# John 14:1-14

## *The Lord is with You!*



Philip said,  
"Lord, show us the Father  
and that will be enough for us."

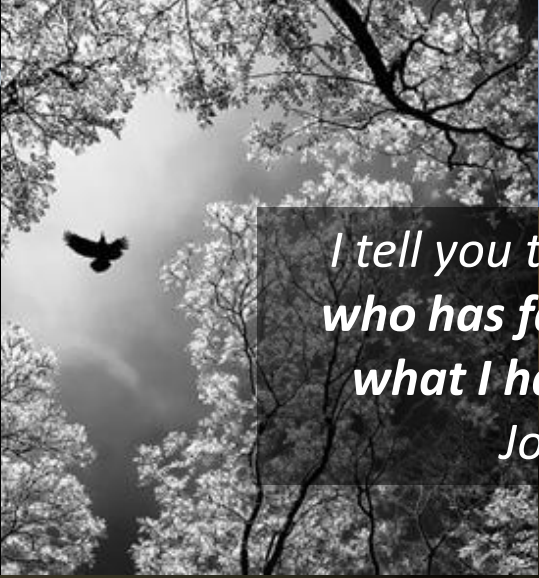
**John 14:8**

"DON'T YOU BELIEVE  
THAT I AM IN THE FATHER,  
AND THAT THE FATHER  
IS IN ME?"

THE WORDS I SAY TO YOU I  
DO NOT SPEAK ON MY  
OWN AUTHORITY. RATHER,  
IT IS THE FATHER, LIVING  
IN ME, WHO IS DOING  
HIS WORK."

*John 14:10*

YOUR KEY TO ABUNDANT LIFE



*I tell you the truth, anyone  
who has faith in me will do  
what I have been doing.*

*John 14:12*

***1. It is the pride of man that caused to guard the way to the tree of life.***

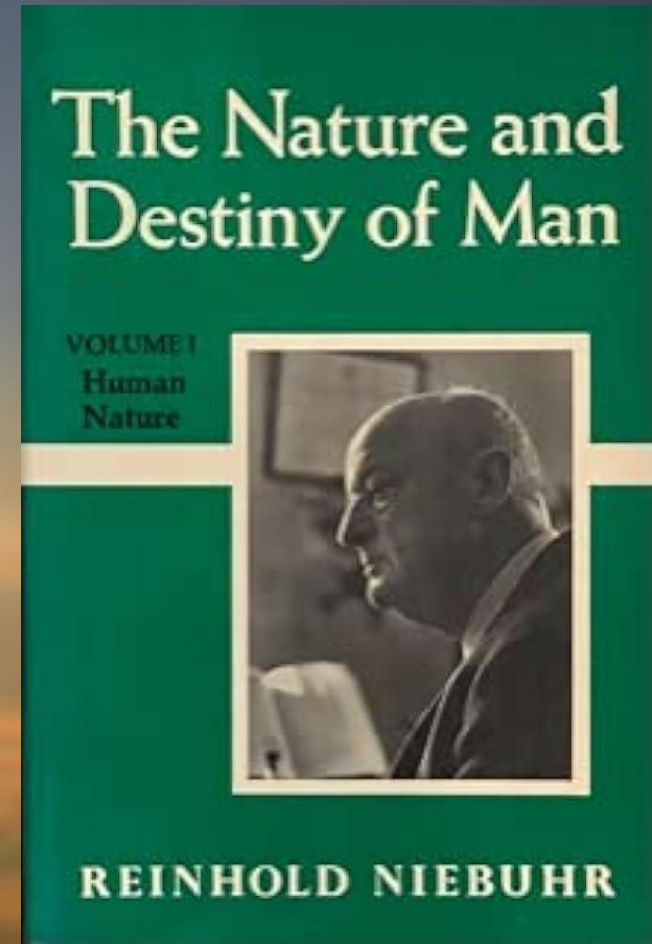
A photograph of a sunset over a valley. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. A dark banner or flag is visible on the right side, with a cross hanging from it. The background shows a hazy valley with rolling hills.

***“Back to Church Home”  
Part 3. A Way to the Tree of Life***



1. It is the pride of man that caused to guard the way to the tree of life.

*Man is a Problem to Himself  
Man as Image of God  
Man as Sinner*



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Part 3. A Way to the Tree of Life*

1. It is the pride of man that caused to guard the way to the tree of life.

**SIN** can be understood as [Adam and Eve are]

- 1) Ignoring God's grace and absolutizing ourselves (Pride)
- 2) Ignoring God's grace and Negating himself
- 3) Ignoring God's grace and Indulging limited goods (sensuality)
- 4) Rejecting God's grace and worshipping idols (idolatry)

*"And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

*Genesis 2:16-17*

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1. It is the pride of man that caused to guard the way to the tree of life.

Finite → Insecure → Anxious/Anxiety\* → Trust God as source of security  
Free ↗ ↘ Self-Assertion (Sin of Pride)

\*(internal pre-condition to sin)

- power
- intellectual: of knowledge
- moral: of virtue
- spiritual: of religion



**Find a Church Home Led to the Tree of Life!**

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1. It is the pride of man that caused to guard the way to the tree of life.

2. No one comes to the Father except through God.

A sunset over a landscape with a cross hanging from a dark object in the foreground.

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2. *No one comes to the Father except through God.*

*Love One Another*

*By this all men will know that you are My disciples  
if you have love for one another.*

*John 13:35*

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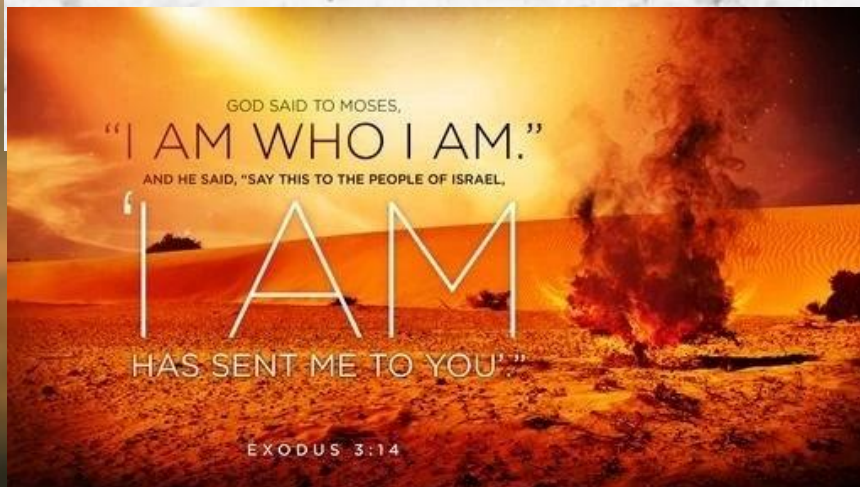
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I AM = YHWH



"I AM THE WAY  
AND THE TRUTH  
AND THE LIFE."

-JOHN 14:6



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2. *No one comes to the Father except through God.*

*To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said,  
“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then*

**You will know the truth, and  
the truth will set you free.**

JOHN 8:32

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## 2. *No one comes to the Father except through God.*

### **Christ is the Giver of Life. He is...**

The message of *life* (Acts 5:20).

The words of *life* (John 6:68).

The light of *life* (John 8:12).

The gift of new *life* (John 5:21).

The abundance of *life* (John 10:10).

Everlasting *life* (John 3:16).

To love God is to love life. To be Christ-like is to be for life.



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Part 3. A Way to the Tree of Life***



- 1. It is the pride of man that caused to guard the way to the tree of life.*
- 2. No one comes to the Father except through God.*
- 3. Trust in God, trust also in Christ for your salvation.*



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3. Trust in God, trust also in Christ for your salvation.



**Here is your church home!**



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