

The Journey Home

We are not citizens of this world trying to make our way to Heaven; we are citizens of heaven trying to make our way through this world.

That radical Christian insight can be lifechanging!

We are not to live so as to earn God's love, inherit Heaven and purchase our salvation. All those are given as gifts; gifts bought by Jesus on the cross and handed over to us.

We are to live as God's redeemed, as heirs of Heaven, and citizens of another land: The Kingdom of God...We live as those who are on a journey home; a home we know will have the lights on and the door open and our Father waiting for us when we arrive.

That means in all adversity our worship of God is joyous, our life is hopeful, our future is secure.

There is nothing we can lose on Earth that can rob us of the treasures God has given us and will give us.



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Karon authored "*Patches of Godlight*": *Father Tim's Favorite Quotes* (2001), a companion book that compiles his cherished quotations.

Her book credits this quote to: "*The Landisfarne, via The Anglican Digest*". It is widely attributed by others to an article titled "*We live as those who are on a journey home*" from *The Anglican Digest*, a publication known for its devotional and theological content.

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