



Destinations Part 2 :: *Looking Ahead* :: Andy Stanley

INTRODUCTION

We've all ended up places we never meant to be--where life was complicated and there were seemingly no good options. And looking back we saw the warning signs. We just chose to ignore them. But it doesn't have to be that way. By looking back at an old wisdom saying we'll learn to look ahead and avoid the danger the lies in wait for us down the road.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the reasons that people avoid warning signs? Why is it that we sometimes walk right into trouble?
2. Read Proverbs 27:12. When have you seen someone look ahead and take the steps necessary to avoid impending danger? When have you seen someone walk right into trouble?
3. Taking refuge and responding to danger before it happens involves action. What are some things that you might have to *do* in order to avoid danger?
4. Taking refuge often involves sacrifice. What are some things you might have to sacrifice in the short term in order to steer away from complicated situations up ahead?
5. Responding to danger before it happens can often be embarrassing because others won't understand your actions. What is a situation in which it might be embarrassing to take steps to avoid potential trouble?
6. The payoff for doing something, for sacrificing, and for facing potential embarrassment, is the feeling of relief once the potential danger has been diffused. When have you felt the relief that comes when you look ahead and do what is necessary to avoid danger?

THINK ABOUT IT

Where in your life do you presently see danger ahead?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What will you *do* this week to avoid the impending danger?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it. Proverbs 27:12