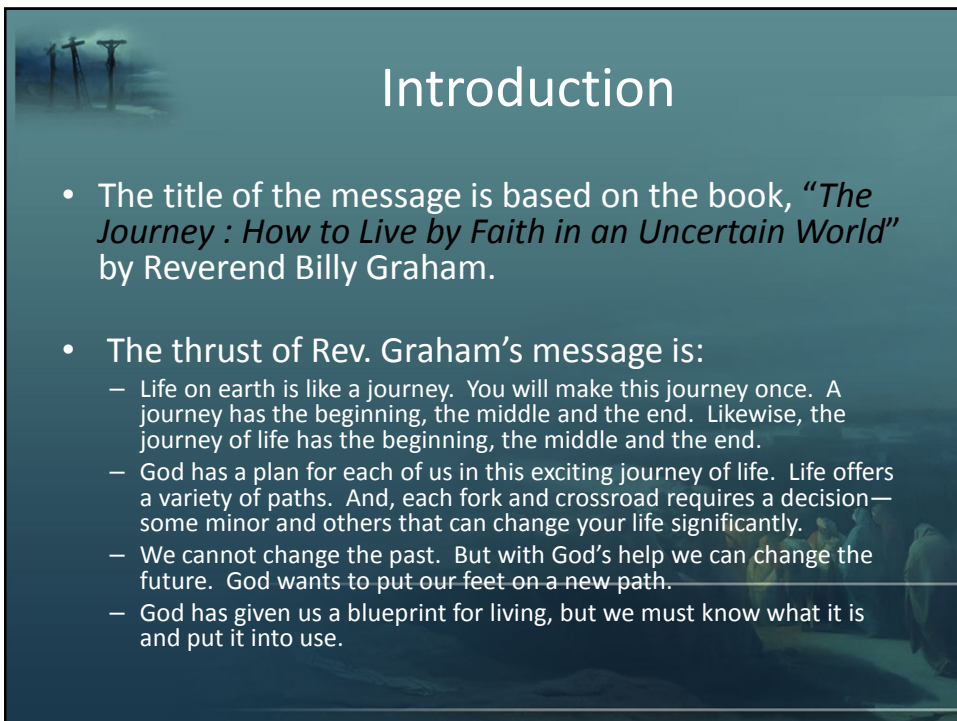


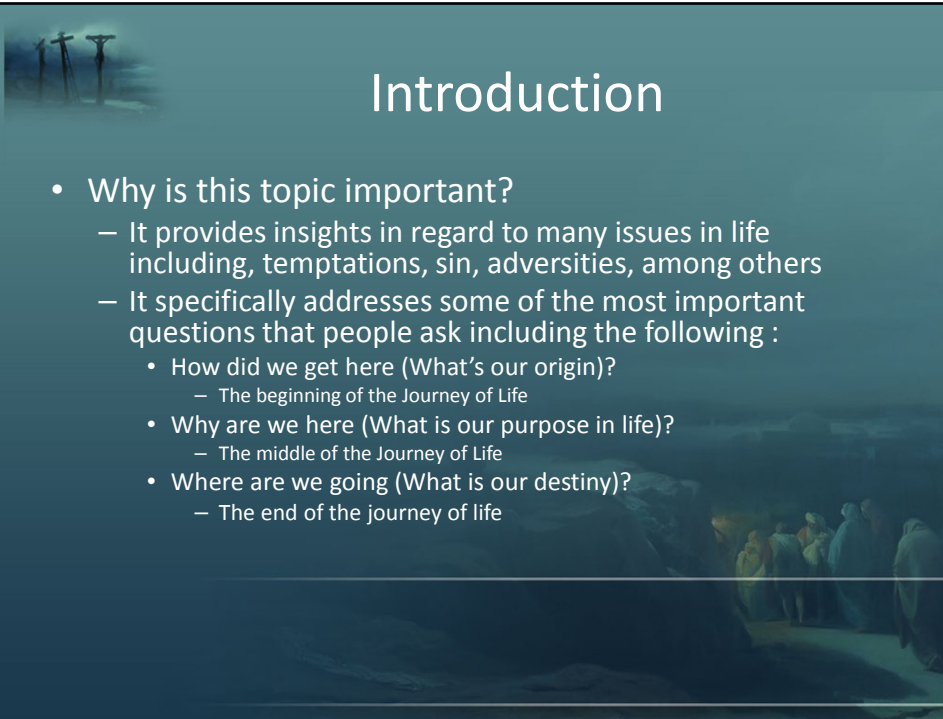


**My Most Memorable Journey**  
Jomo Kenyatta Int'l Airport, Nairobi to JFK,  
Queens, New York



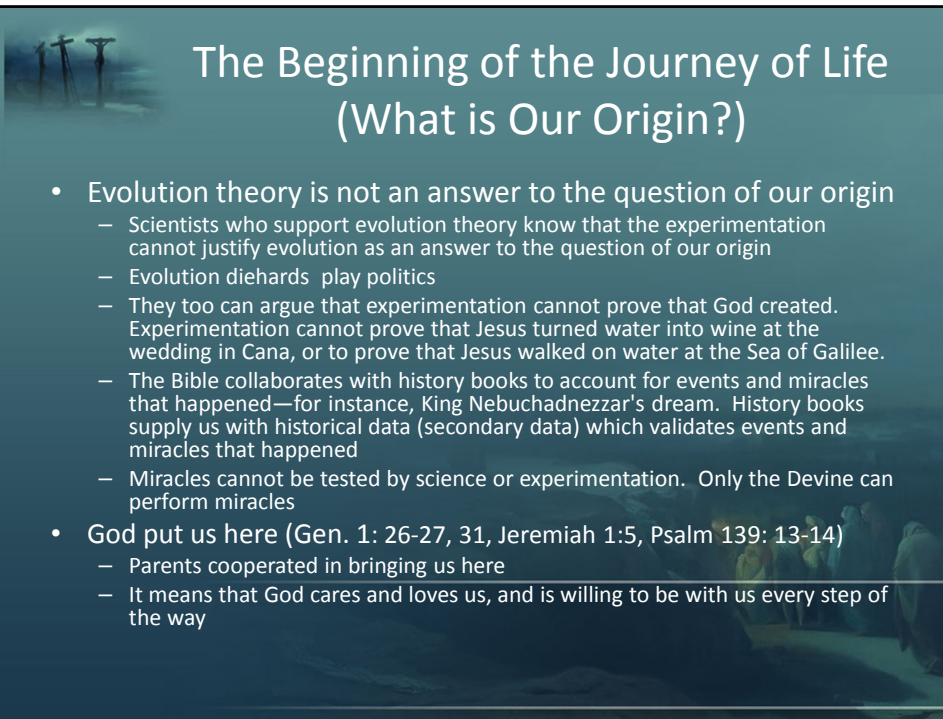
## Introduction

- The title of the message is based on the book, *“The Journey : How to Live by Faith in an Uncertain World”* by Reverend Billy Graham.
- The thrust of Rev. Graham’s message is:
  - Life on earth is like a journey. You will make this journey once. A journey has the beginning, the middle and the end. Likewise, the journey of life has the beginning, the middle and the end.
  - God has a plan for each of us in this exciting journey of life. Life offers a variety of paths. And, each fork and crossroad requires a decision— some minor and others that can change your life significantly.
  - We cannot change the past. But with God’s help we can change the future. God wants to put our feet on a new path.
  - God has given us a blueprint for living, but we must know what it is and put it into use.




## Introduction

- Why is this topic important?
  - It provides insights in regard to many issues in life including, temptations, sin, adversities, among others
  - It specifically addresses some of the most important questions that people ask including the following :
    - How did we get here (What's our origin)?
      - The beginning of the Journey of Life
    - Why are we here (What is our purpose in life)?
      - The middle of the Journey of Life
    - Where are we going (What is our destiny)?
      - The end of the journey of life




## The Beginning of the Journey of Life (What is Our Origin?)

- Evolution theory is not an answer to the question of our origin
  - Scientists who support evolution theory know that the experimentation cannot justify evolution as an answer to the question of our origin
  - Evolution diehards play politics
  - They too can argue that experimentation cannot prove that God created. Experimentation cannot prove that Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, or to prove that Jesus walked on water at the Sea of Galilee.
  - The Bible collaborates with history books to account for events and miracles that happened—for instance, King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. History books supply us with historical data (secondary data) which validates events and miracles that happened
  - Miracles cannot be tested by science or experimentation. Only the Devine can perform miracles
- God put us here (Gen. 1: 26-27, 31, Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139: 13-14)
  - Parents cooperated in bringing us here
  - It means that God cares and loves us, and is willing to be with us every step of the way



## The Middle of the Journey of Life (What is our Purpose in Life?)


- It is the real life we live. It's about our life experiences since birth until death. It offers intertwined paths, forked and crossroads. We must carefully choose what road to take based on the blueprint (manual) that God has given us
- Life presents both good and bad
- Jesus gives us a forecast of life (John 16:33). His Brother James concurs with this counsel (James 1:2-3)



## The Middle of the Journey of Life (What is our Purpose in Life?)


- Ant Ellen resonates with the same counsel in the book, "Steps to Christ":
 

"God made man perfectly holy and happy; and the fair earth, as it came from the Creator's hand, bore no blight or decay or shadow of the curse. It is transgression of God's law—the law of love that brought woe and death. Yet even amid the suffering that results from sin, God's love is revealed. It is written that God cursed the ground for man's sake (Gen 3: 17). The thorn and thistle—the difficulties and trails that make his life one of toil and care—were appointed for his good as a part of the training needful in God's plan for his uplifting from the ruin and degradation that sin has wrought. The world, though fallen, is not all sorrow and misery. In nature itself are messages of hope and comfort. There are flowers upon thistles, and the thorns are covered with roses."
- God made us perfect, but after the fall the evil one took control of the world (Gen. 3:1-6).
  - However, our God is an omniscient (all-knowing, all-seeing, well informed). He is still able to use a bad situation for a good outcome (our good).




## How do we Navigate the Treacherous Journey? (What is our Purpose in Life?)

- You and I are not here by accident. God put us in this journey called life.
  - God created us in His image and according to His likeness, and He created us perfect. This means that he cares and loves us. And so He will supply our needs.
- He not only put us here on this journey, but also wants to join us on it, if we let Him
  - The Psalmist asked, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there, if I make my bed in the depths, you are there” (Psalm 139:7-8)
  - Moses declared, “The Lord goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:8)
  - Jesus promised, “I am with you to the very end of the age (Mat. 28:20)”



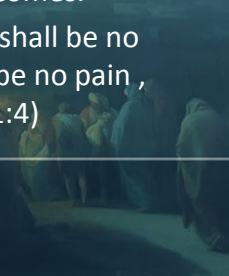
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- He not only put us here on this journey, but also wants to join us on it, if we let Him
  - The things we need, He will supply (Mat. 6:25-34)
  - The Bible reveals blatantly that God has a plan to give us a future and hope. But we must seek Him with all our hearts (Jeremiah 29:5-13)
- God has put us here because He loves us and wants us to serve His purpose according to the blueprint He has supplied us
  - We are the salt of the earth; a city on a hill, a lamp that should not be hidden under a basket...” (Mat 5:13-16)
  - Though we have to depend on Christ (John 15:5)



### The End of the Journey of Life (What is our Destiny?)

- Life for anyone can end abruptly, and there is nothing we can do to stop death.
- Death does not discriminate on the basis of age
- Those that have died are asleep (John 11:11-14). The dead know nothing (Ecclesiastes 9:5)
- If we die in Christ, we will rise again when Jesus comes.
- Heaven is going to be great. In heaven, "...there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no pain, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4)



### Offering for Ruai Township SDA Church

Deacons on Duty Please Stand at the Door to Collect the Offering

All of You are Invited to our Potluck in the Social Hall

Have a Blessed Sabbath

