

said, I being in the way, the Lord led me. One door you go through may open many other doors that you would never see if you did not go through that one. You can't see the end from the beginning. But when you find you have made a wrong direction, don't hesitate to reverse your course. Have no regrets in it. The Lord may have a will that you go a certain direction in one direction and then go in another direction. I had a friend, <sup>a good many</sup> some of you have read some of his books -- Francis Schaeffer, He told me how when he was in High School he took quite a bit of work in mechanical drawing and he figured, he thought he would be interested in spending his life in that sort of work. And then he became greatly interested in the Lord's work and he thought, O that time I wasted learning that mechanical drawing. What a waste of time. How much better it would have been for me learning something I could use in the Lord's work. And then he became Assistant pastor of a church and they built a new S.S. building and he saved thousands of dollars simply by the knowledge that he had of this particular thing which the Lord had ~~g~~~~iv~~ given him in preparation for the particular situation he would be in. We can't tell where a sideline or a diff. course we follow for a brief time, and we find it was ~~a~~ mistaken. It's not where should spend our whole life. We think it's all wasted but it may not be. God may have had a certain definite purpose in it. God may use it in a great way for his purposes later on. And so as the Israelites saw the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire and knew that the Lord was leading them, we should by faith see them too if we truly believe in Christ. And we should know that as He led them and brought them to the promised land he will lead us if we keep our ~~ye~~ eyes on Him. And we should try to rid ourselves of the ~~y~~ emotional involvements that make it difficult to make proper decisions, but to consider the relevant factors to trust the Lord and to go forward. And we don't know what the Lord's plan is. The Lord may plan to have a grt. revival in this world. We may have 100 yrs. of wonderful gospel blessing ahead. And if it is -- if such a thing does come, there will be all sorts of groups going in different directions and needing the guidance of those who have studied the scriptures and know how to understand the Lord's will and present it.