



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“You can be assured of your final destination when you trust God’s Plan of Salvation (GPS).”

Wrong Road

A friend told us about a nursery on Indian Rock Dam Road in York. My wife wanted some more flowers for the garden so we decided to go. We have lived in the County for most of our lives and we had picked up our grandkids at Indian Rock Elementary, so we assumed that’s where it was. That day we drove past the school and we kept driving and driving but didn’t find the nursery. According to the street signs, we were still on Indian Rock Dam Road. However, by that time, we were in the middle of no here with no GPS signal. We realized we were lost. We finally found a spot where we could ask GPS. To our confusion, it was taking us back in the opposite direction but on a different road. After several miles and turns we were at the nursery located on Indian Rock Dam Road. But how could this be? We did not pass it before. After getting the flowers, we were not going back the long way to find out.

When I arrived home, I looked at Google maps. It showed the school. Then a mile later, the map showed a road that went to the left. The name of that road was Indian Rock Dam Road but the road that went straight was also called Indian Rock Dam Road. There were two roads by the same name that were connected and the second one did not have a street sign. I have heard of two streets by the same name in the same zip code area. For example, if you look up our address using on-line maps, it will place you at a location by the same street address but a few miles away. But two roads connected with the same name - how confusing is that? Not knowing it, we were on the wrong dam road.

The Indian Rock Dam is very unique. The project was authorized by the Federal Flood Control Act of 1936. It cost approximately \$5 million to construct both the dam and levee systems. The dam was dedicated August 23, 1942. It was built three miles south of York along the small Codorus Creek. It is 1,000 feet across and 8 feet high. One person was killed while building it. Its dry reservoir area extends 1,800 acres. Yes, dry reservoir. Its gates were closed only a few times. The dam is for flood control. It has helped prevent at least \$55 million in damages in the past 75 years. In July 2018, 11.66 inches of rain fell in five days and the dam held back over two billion gallons of water. In 1972, it over flowed at nine billion gallons. “The fiscal 2018 President’s Budget includes \$15.9 million for operation and maintenance of the aging Codorus Creek Flood Risk Management Project.”¹ The two Indian Rock Dam Roads are on either side of the dam. The main road continues down to “Seven Valleys” and the other up to “Leader Heights”. An excellent write-up about the dam is intitled [Indian Rock Dam 75th Anniversary](#).

Life is a journey. The final destination is determined by which path we take. By nature, we are all on the wrong road. A damning road that leads to the “seven” gates of Hell, a “valley” of eternal destruction. To turn, we must first admit that we are lost. Then, we must accept Jesus (GPS) God’s Plan of Salvation. Only then, will we be on the road to the right “Leader” and to heavenly “heights”.



The gage, gate & creek.

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“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matt 7:13-14



Are you on the right road?

¹www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dams-Recreation/Indian-Rock-Dam-Codorus-Creek/

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