



Phase 3 - Anticipating the Road Ahead

Before we strike out in a new direction, having said yes to its invitation to do so, we have ideas of what it might mean, what it might look like, where we'll end up on the other side of our yes. While we don't know what we'll encounter as we go or where the pathway will ultimately lead us, we have ideas – hopes, fears, assumptions, worries, dreams – about what awaits us on the road and at the other end of it, and those ideas inform the way we walk.

Let's take time to explore the presence of these notions in you now.

1. Right now, what words come to mind to describe your anticipation of what it will be like for you to travel this road?

2. Can you say more about your use of those particular words to describe your expectation of what awaits? (For instance, look at each word you chose and ask yourself why that word feels fitting to you right now.)

3. A trip like this can take many forms. What word would you use to describe the kind of trip this feels like to you?

Journey	Voyage	Exploration
Adventure	Hike	Quest
Marathon	Climb	Crawl
Labyrinth	Walk	Passage
Pilgrimage	Trek	Long Haul
Expedition	Odyssey	Other:

4. What aspects of who you are could help you in the traveling of this road?

5. What aspects of who you are might create challenges for you along the way?

6. How will other aspects of your life – family friends, time, finances, work, or other areas – will be affected by this change?

7. How does its impact on those other areas affect the way you're holding this invitation and anticipating the road ahead?

8. How would you describe what it could look like to travel this journey well?

9. How would you describe what it could look like to travel this journey poorly?

10. If you were to ask God for any particular grace to be given to you as you set out along the way, what would it be? Feel free to articulate your response as an actual prayer. (A grace is a gift given by God's own hand – independent of our ability to muster it ourselves – often given in a moment of need.)



Drawing Activity for Children: You might ask your child/children "If you wanted to go on a trip/adventure, what would that look like? Or - where would you go?"