



Come Listen to
a Prophet's Voice

Crossroads

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In Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice finds herself coming to a crossroads with two paths before her, each stretching onward but in opposite directions. She is confronted by the Cheshire Cat, of whom she asks, "Which path shall I take?"

The cat answers: "That depends where you want to go. If you do not know where you want to go, it doesn't really matter which path you take!"¹

Unlike Alice, each of you knows where you want to go. It *does* matter which way you go, for the path you follow in this life leads to the path you will follow in the next.

Our Heavenly Father has given to each of us the power to think and reason and decide. Each of us has the responsibility to choose. You may ask, "Are decisions really that important?" I say to you, decisions determine destiny. You can't make eternal

decisions without eternal consequences.

May I provide a simple formula by which you can measure the choices which confront you. It's easy to remember: "You can't be right by doing wrong; you can't be wrong by doing right."

Courage is required to think right, choose right, and do right, for such a course will rarely, if ever, be the easiest to follow. Eternal life in the kingdom of our Father is your goal, and self-discipline will surely be required if you are to achieve it.

You are precious in the sight of your Heavenly Father. He hears your prayers. He extends to you His peace and His love. Stay close to Him and to His Son, and you will not walk alone. ●

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NOTE

1. Adapted from Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1992), 76.



The decisions we make in this life lead to our destiny in the next life. President Monson reminds us to make righteous choices.