



The Path

Chapter Four



*My goal is to get you through this part, as fast, and as safely,
as possible, while learning everything we're here to learn.*

The First Principle: Dying to Live

“I think one of the things that helped me most was to reckon myself as dead... If the fear of death starts to control us, we will not make it through.”



“When you consider that every day might be your last it brings a focus to your life, so that you live more every day than you may ever have before.”

It is those who are dying daily, that are the most alive. Death is the path to true life, and dying to self, is how we stay on the path of life.



Someone in the group asks,
“Who is your friend?”

The Leader’s evasive reply:
“aaa, He is a friend of
yours, too. We will be
seeing a lot of him, and,
you will get to know him
well in due time.”



The Voice's Warning

“I was sent to warn you of a trial, that will come through Mary, that may jeopardize your whole group.”

The Nature of the Trial

“Mary has questions that you must answer. They are questions that almost all think about, but very few consider them as important as she does. They are important questions... not just for her sake, but for the sake of all who are with you.”

The Leader's Task

“It is not just giving the right answers... but how you answer them... With wisdom and patience.”



The Forging of Koinonia

“One of the most important purposes of this wilderness, is to forge the greatest fellowship, we can have on earth —*koinonia*.

“It is the Greek word... for fellowship or communion... a bonding together, like the members of our body, into a single greater unit, that are inseparable.”



Mark's Introduction:

“My name is Mark. I was told I would find a company of great warriors on this path and that I was to join you.”

The Group's Response: It seemed everyone chimed in at it once with, “Of course you can... Please do... We are happy to have you...”



The Vow:

“Three friends and I determined when we were twelve years old, that we were going to be the best disciples, that the Lord ever had.”

The Divine Intervention:

“I had to escape... Then I was told that I would find you here... An angel told me in a dream.”

The Consequence:

“The resistance we received from just about everyone... surprised and deeply hurt us... We were separated from each other... and finally sent to different boarding schools, for troubled youth.”



Mary asks:

“And what did this angel tell you about me?”

Mark's Reply:

“That you have a lot of questions. Most are good, and that you will be given answers to them, but some are from a cynicism, that could sidetrack you, if you become impatient or arrogant.”



The Prophecy for William:

“There is someone here who has known many great leaders... He now sees himself as a failure... He is not a failure. He will be a great leader on the mountain... In this group, he will be like a compass for us.”

The Lord's Message:

I was to tell him, that the Lord has never been disappointed with him, and that his future is bright.



On Entertaining Angels

Mark's Description:

“He looked like a young man, maybe even my own age. I thought it was a person, until he disappeared right in front of me.”

The Leader's Teaching:

“We do often entertain angels, and are not aware of it, because most of the time they appear as just another person... They are ministering spirits who serve the heirs of salvation... We should give honor to angels... but we only worship the Lord.”



THE VOICE REVEALS:

“I am but one of the ‘great company of witnesses,’ who have been watching these times unfold... The righteous and prophets of old desired to see these days, and they are now seeing them. You live before an audience far greater than you could imagine.”



The Leader's Humility:

“I feel almost like a new believer, just starting out again. I know I have a great deal more to learn.”

The Voice's Promise of Growth:

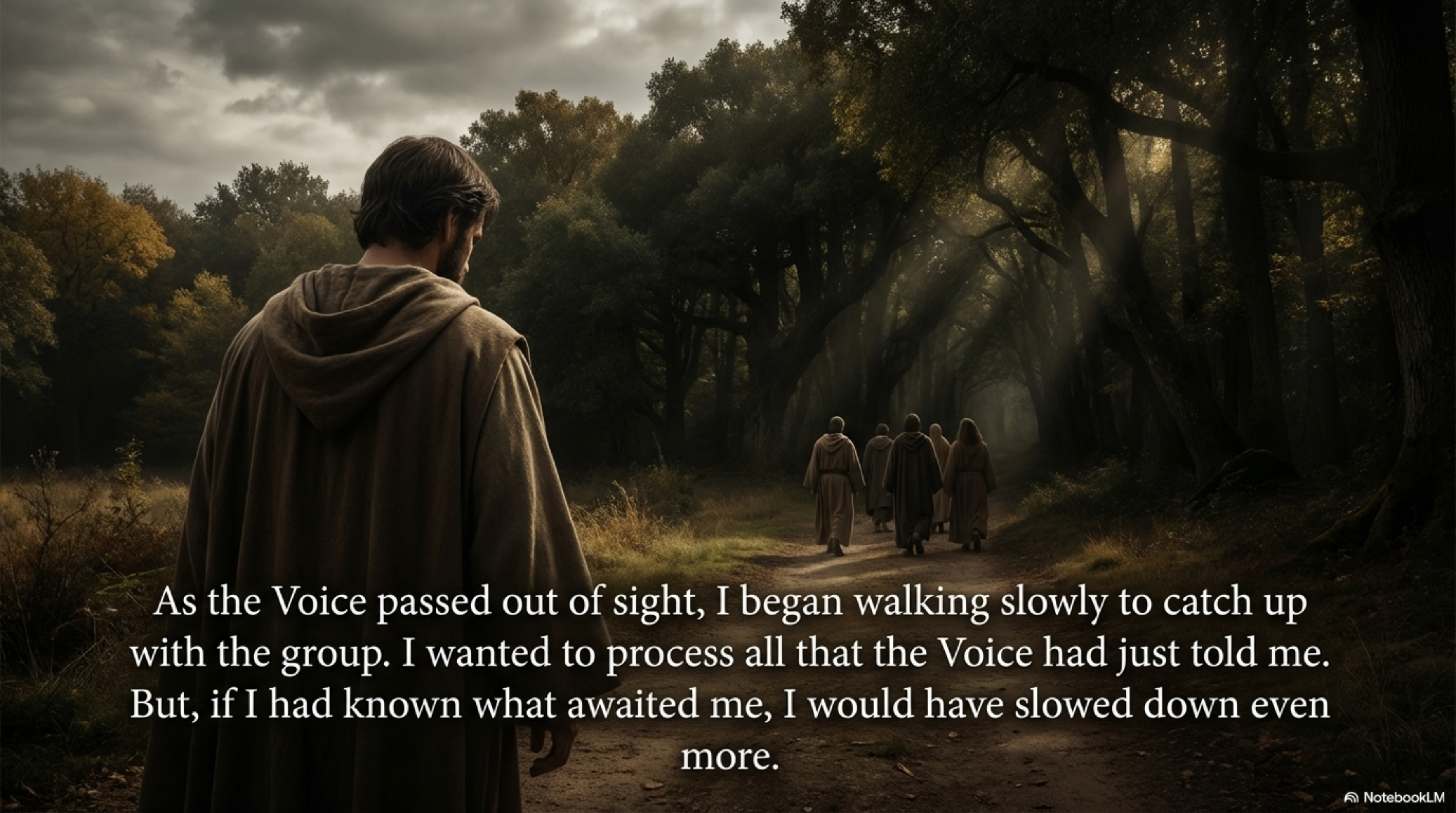
“Right now you could not bear the gravity of these times, but you will grow in stature and vision until you can... From now on, every day you will be stretched.”



The leader say, “What else is so special about this group?”

The Voice’s Final Revelation:

“I have never seen so many in one group who are called to be the mighty ones that Enoch talks about. Every one of these is called to walk in more power than I did. Obviously the time is now close.”

A cinematic scene set in a dense forest. In the foreground, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a brown hooded cloak, is seen from behind, looking down a dirt path. In the distance, a group of five people, also in brown robes, are walking away from him down the same path. The forest is filled with tall, leafy trees, and the lighting is soft and golden, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

As the Voice passed out of sight, I began walking slowly to catch up with the group. I wanted to process all that the Voice had just told me. But, if I had known what awaited me, I would have slowed down even more.