



Highway of Holiness

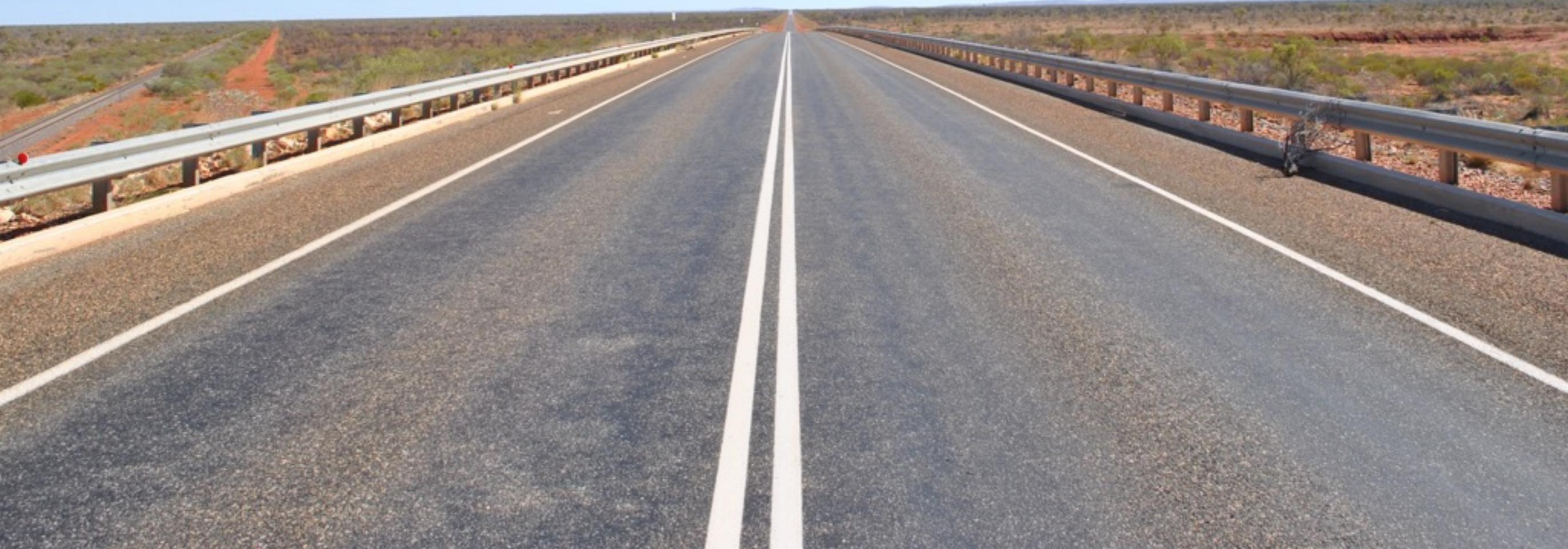
Hebrews 12:12-17

Mosaic of OT Scriptures

- ❖ The Prophetic tradition (12:12)
 - ❖ Isaiah 35
- ❖ The Wisdom literature (12:13)
 - ❖ Proverbs 4:26
- ❖ The Psalms (12:14)
 - ❖ Psalm 34:14
- ❖ The Law of Moses (12:15)
 - ❖ Deuteronomy 29:18-19
- ❖ The Patriarchs' story (12:16)
 - ❖ Genesis 27



ISAIAH 35



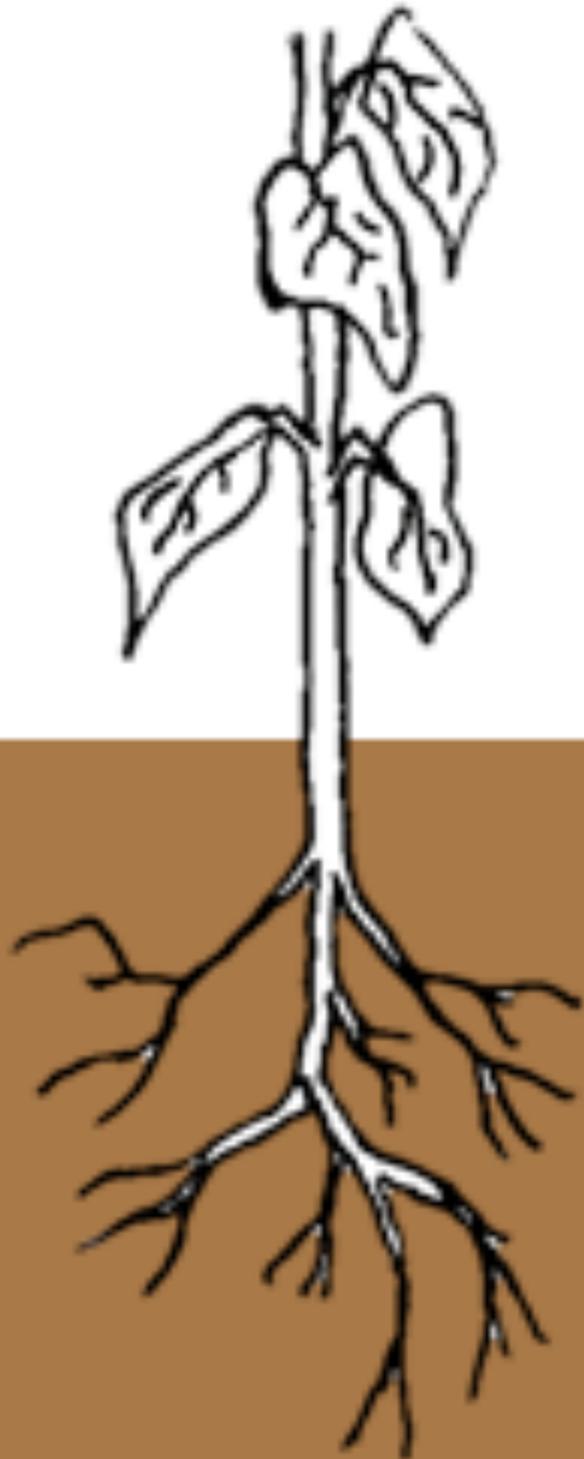
The Way of Holiness

- ❖ “Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.” (12:12-13)
- ❖ feeble arms & weak knees: discouragement & despair
- ❖ **Be Strong—Press On**
 - ❖ Live in Harmony & Holiness
 - ❖ Live in Grace
 - ❖ Live in the Future

Live in Harmony & Holiness

- ❖ **12:14 “Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”**
- ❖ Psalm 34:14 “seek peace, and pursue it”
 - ❖ It does not come naturally or automatically
- ❖ 1 Peter 1:16 / Lev 11, 19, 20, 22
 - ❖ “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Live in Grace



- ❖ 12:15 “See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”
 - ❖ Interesting pair: grace & bitterness
 - ❖ **Grace:** unmerited favour
 - ❖ *Works:* thinking we have merited favour
 - ❖ *Entitled:* Expecting favour based on our merited works
 - ❖ **Bitterness:** Angry at God / others because we didn't get the favour we think we merited because of the work we accomplished.

Live in the Future

- ❖ “See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. 17 Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.”
- ❖ Sexually Immoral / godless
 - ❖ Esau: The Epitome of “living in the moment”
 - ❖ Sacrificed his *Future* for *Food*

