Devotion for July 11, 2018

Is it mean to say that all other religions are wrong? Is it arrogant to think that Christians have a corner on the truth, and that all non-Christians are on the way to hell? Here's the crux of the matter: is it true? Consider what Jesus says:

Jesus said, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. (John 14:6)

Jesus doesn't leave any wiggle room for a second (or third or fourth) option. Jesus loves all people, and he wants all people to be saved, but he has made only one way for a person to be saved, and it's through him. It's not through meditation, or trying really hard to be a good person, or through self-sacrifice, or volunteering, or working with the land, or being kind and friendly to everyone you meet. Jesus is the Way to God the Father in heaven.

Rather than worry that it sounds exclusive or mean or arrogant to say that all non-Christian religions are wrong and lead to hell, let that truth of God fill you with urgency. There's only one way to heaven, and if you know it, share it! There's only one way, but there's no limit to how many people can be saved by Jesus. He died for the sins of the whole world and made peace with God on behalf of every person who ever has lived, is living, or will live. Through faith in Jesus, a person lays hold of eternal life in heaven that Jesus already paid for on the cross.

Get the message out! There's only one way to heaven, but it's for everyone!