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## **New Journeys**

### **[Isaiah 62:6-12](#)**

*“Walk out of the gates. Get going! Get the road ready for the people. Build the highway. Get at it! Clear the debris... ‘Look! Your Savior comes, ready to do what he said he’d do, prepared to complete what he promised.’”*

In August I started a new position with a Pittsburgh company delivering professional learning and providing on-site classroom support to teachers at all levels of K-12 education. It is an exciting new journey, and I know that God has orchestrated many things in the past three years to lead me here.

There have been many times over the past three years that I have really wondered what God was up to! I asked Him why he moved me from my leadership position in Upshur County or why I was back in the classroom late in my career, learning how to teach students through an online platform. It was difficult! I frequently asked Him what’s next, but He kept all of that veiled to me.

Now, looking back, I have been tracing the path He’s led me on. When I worked for Alderson-Broadus (A-B) University, I taught an online summer course that prepared me for the online instruction I had to give as the pandemic started.

At A-B, I was teaching elementary math methods to elementary education majors. Now I’m coaching elementary teachers in good teaching practices and math concepts.

Going back into the classroom reframed my focus from the principal’s perspective back to a teacher lens...which is what I needed to become a good math coach.

This passage in Isaiah reminds me of the work that God has done these past few years. He pushed me out of my comfort zone. He told me, “Walk out of the gates. Get going! Get the road ready for the people. Build the highway. Get at it! Clear the debris...”

Our Savior is coming. He is ready to do what He said He’d do, prepared to complete what He promised. We are His people, and if we surrender our will to Him, He will certainly lead us on a path to fulfill His perfect plan. I’m grateful that He cleared the way for me. During this Advent season, I pray that you will listen for His voice, surrender to His plan, and trust that He is working it all for you, His Holy People.

***Prayer:*** *Gracious God, thank You for the Word and for the reminders that we are Your people, and You are our God. We are grateful for the ways you work in our lives, clearing the way for new journeys. Help us to trust You, to surrender to You, and to know that You are working for our good. Help us to live as Your Holy People. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

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