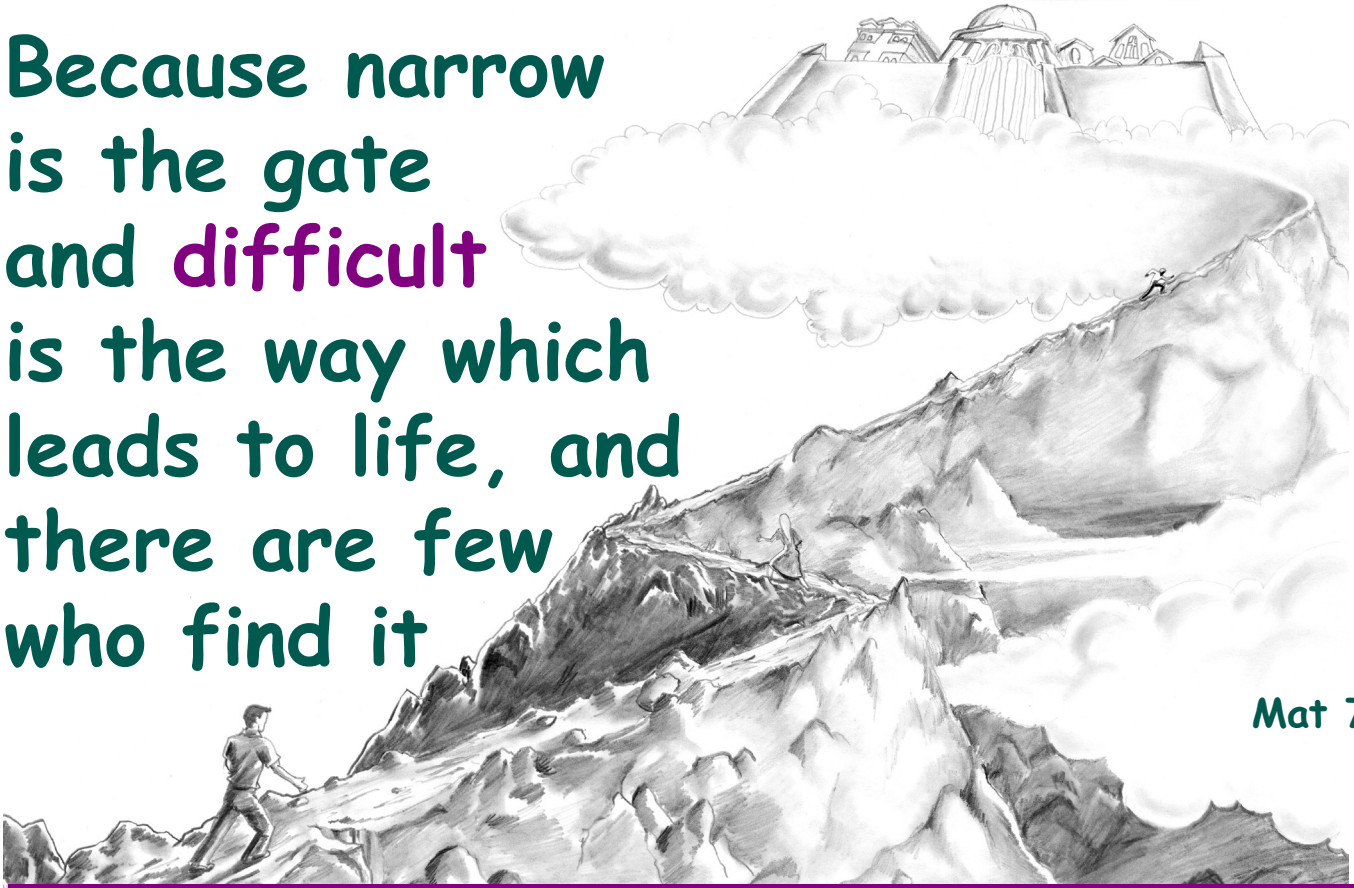


Difficult Is The Way Which Leads To Life

Because narrow
is the gate
and **difficult**
is the way which
leads to life, and
there are few
who find it



Mat 7:14

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If it is **hard for the righteous to be saved**, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner? (1 Pet 4:18)

A righteous man may have **many troubles**, but the LORD delivers him from them all (Psa 34:19)

Others were **tortured** and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced **jeers and flogging**, while still others were **chained and put in prison**. They were **stoned**; they were **sawed in two**; they were put to **death by the sword**. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, **destitute, persecuted and mistreated**—the world was not worthy of them. **They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground**. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. (Heb 11:35-39)

Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through **many hardships** to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. (Acts 14:22)

From this time **many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him**. (John 6:66)

Yet you have **a few** people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for

they are worthy. He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. (Rev 3:4-5)

Be self-controlled and alert. **Your enemy** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion **looking for someone to devour**. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of **sufferings**. (1 Pet 5:8-9)

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will be persecuted** (2 Tim 3:12)

Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted and put to death**, and you will be **hated** by all nations because of me. At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other, and **many false prophets** will appear and **deceive many people**. Because of the increase of wickedness, **the love of most will grow cold**, but **he who stands firm to the end will be saved**. (Mat 24:9-13)

For the time will come when men **will not put up with sound doctrine**. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them **a great number of teachers** to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will **turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths**. (2 Tim 4:3-4)