

Books, Songs, and Referenced Quotes from “An Unpublished Trail Guide”

Books:

Undaunted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose

The Door in the Wall by Marguerite De Angeli

Poke the Box by Seth Godin

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis

The Journals of Lewis and Clark by Meriwether Lewis & William Clark

A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean (not for young readers)

The Barbarian Way by Erwin Raphael McManus

For The Children’s Sake by Susan Schaeffer Macauley

The Killing Angels by Michael Shaara

Fellowship of the Ring & Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien

Songs:

“Many Roads” by Andrew Peterson from the album *Counting Stars*

“Setting Up the Pins” by Sara Groves from the album *Fireflies and Songs*

Referenced Texts and Quotes:

Ephesians 5:21 - 33

“But whether the fact is as Varro has related, or is not so, still we ought not to give up music because of the superstition of the heathen, if we can derive anything from it that is of use for the understanding of Holy Scripture; nor does it follow that we must busy ourselves with their theatrical trumpery because we enter upon an investigation about harps and other instruments, that may help us to lay hold upon spiritual things. For we ought not to refuse to learn letters because they say that Mercury discovered them; nor because they have dedicated temples to Justice and Virtue, and prefer to worship in the form of stones things that ought to have their place in the heart, ought we on that account to forsake justice and virtue. Nay, but let every good and true Christian understand that wherever truth may be found, it belongs to his Master; and while he recognizes and acknowledges the truth, even in their religious literature, let him reject the figments of superstition, and let him grieve over and avoid men who, “when they knew God, glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.”

~ St. Augustine Bishop of Hippo, On Christian Doctrine II

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry; ‘Mine!’”

~ Abraham Kuyper

(I referenced this quote but originally did not have slide for it)

“No neat system is of any use; it is the very nature of a system to grow stale in the using; every subject, every division of a subject, every lesson, in fact, must be brought up for examination before it is offered to the child as to whether it is living, vital, of a nature to invite the living Intellect of the universe.”

~ Charlotte Mason, vol. 2, p. 279

(I referenced this book introduction from The Barbarian Way, but missed a few details.)

“Robert the Bruce was the Scottish noble whose character is most remembered for betraying Wallace, but he later rose up to lead Scotland to freedom after Wallace’s execution. While we were standing in the abbey, Scottish pastor James Pettigrew shared a tale of Robert the Bruce that is a mixture of history and legend.

He died in 1329 at the age of fifty-four. Shortly before his death, Robert the Bruce requested that his heart be removed from his body and taken on crusade by a worthy knight. James Douglas, one of his closest friends, was at his bedside and took on the responsibility. The heart of Robert the Bruce was embalmed and placed in a small container that Douglas carried around his neck. In every battle that Douglas fought, he literally carried the heart of his king pressed against his chest.

In the early spring of 1330, Douglas sailed from Scotland to Granada, Spain, and engaged in a campaign against the Moors. In an ill-fated battle, Douglas found himself surrounded, and in this situation death was both certain and imminent. In that moment Douglas reached for the heart strapped around his neck, flung the heart into the enemy’s midst, and cried out, “Fight for the heart of your king!” One historian quoted Douglas as shouting, “Forward, brave heart, as ever thou were wont to do, and Douglas will follow his king’s heart or die!” The motto of the Douglas clan to which the present duke belongs is even to this day simply, “Forward.”

“When I have to write an article and face a white empty sheet of paper I nearly have to tie myself to the chair to keep from consulting one more book before putting my own words on paper.”

~ Henri Nouwen, Reaching Out