

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Enter to Worship. Depart to Serve.

As we begin this wonderful New Year, may our vow be to serve God with fresh diligence.

We're at the beginning of a new year. Perhaps this is a good time to wipe the slate of our worries clean. What better time than the first of the year to recommit our lives to God, and turn over to God our cares and troubles?

It might be a good idea to do this in advance — for the entire year that's ahead of us. We might as well, for, as Corrie Ten Boom put it, "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength."

She went on to say that when she looked at the world she got *distressed*. When she looked at herself, she got *depressed*. But when she looked at Jesus, she found *rest*.

An anonymous poet put it this way:

Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."

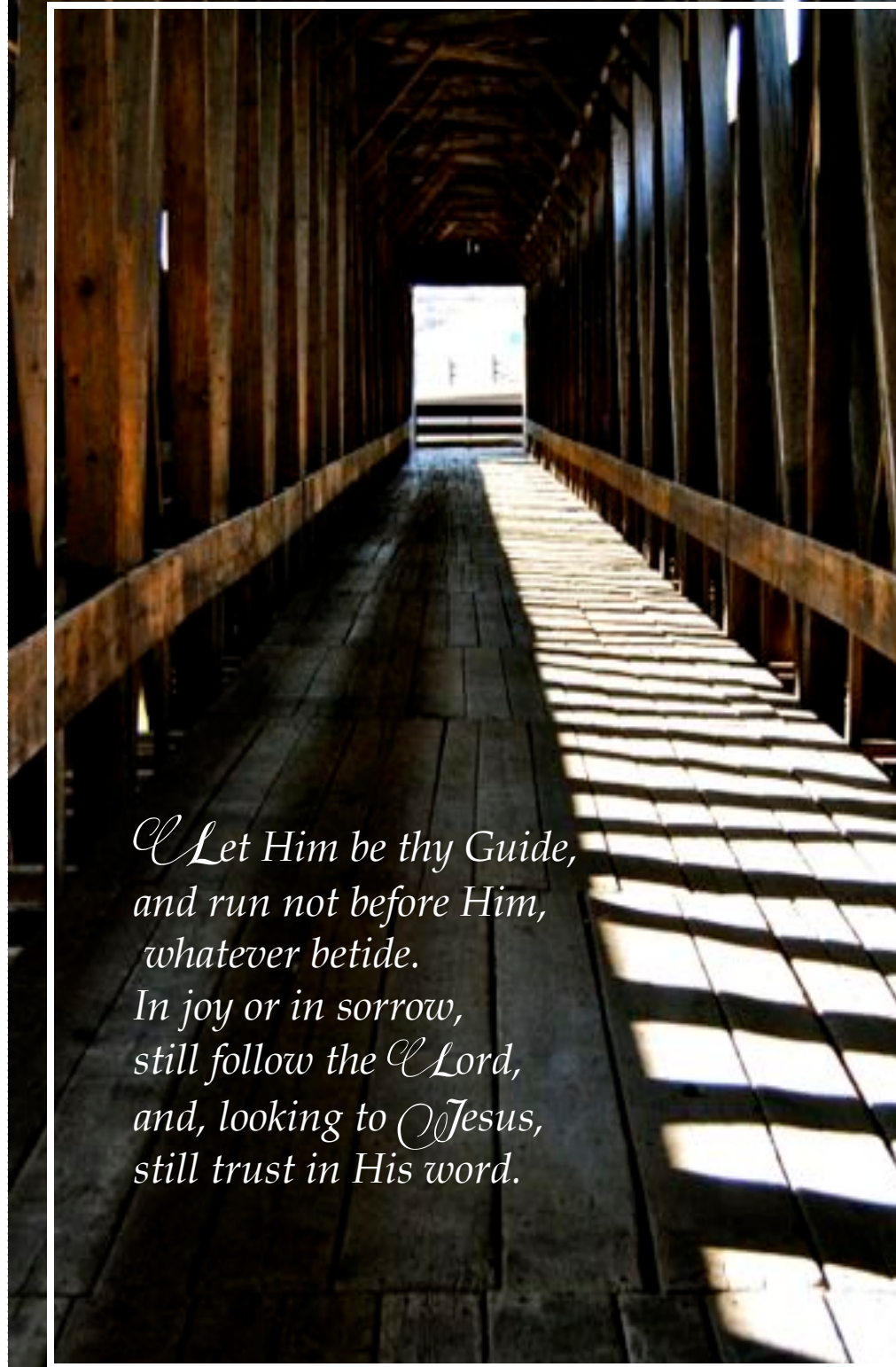
Said the sparrow to the robin:
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

Of course, the sparrow is wrong: We do have someone who cares for "you and me," and it might be wise at the beginning of the year to follow the advice of the apostle Peter: "Cast all your care (anxiety) on him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

Never let yesterday use up too much of today.

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*Let Him be thy Guide,
and run not before Him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in His word.*

