

“In the middle of the journey of our life I came to myself within a dark wood where the straight way was lost. Ah, how hard a thing it is to tell what a wild, and rough, and stubborn wood this was, which in my thought renews the fear!”¹

Dante Alighieri – The Divine Comedy

Storytelling in small groups or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their answer to the first prompt below. Then go to the next question and so forth. A person can pass.

1) Share about a time in your life when you “came to myself within a dark wood where the straight way was lost.”

(“Dark wood” or sinful life. “Straight way” or having a clear idea and vision of what is next in one’s life.)

2) Share about a person in your life where their “straight way was lost,” how they dealt with it, and what did you learn from their experience.

(Or share about a person you read about in a book or saw in a movie, or ?)

3) Share about what you have learned about yourself, and others, during times “within a dark wood where the straight way was lost.” How did fear show up in your life during that time?

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¹ <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/655759-in-the-middle-of-the-journey-of-our-life-i> (accessed January 16, 2023).