



Our spiritual enemy has a sole purpose of destroying us.

- 1) Speed—keeping us chasing our tails and focusing on the wrong things
- 2) Success—pride we begin to think its all about me
- 3) Solo—This leads us to think we are a one man band not needing anyone
- 4) Certainty—we become arrogant and dogmatic

Mat 16:26 Jesus said what does it profit a person if they gain the whole world and yet loose their soul.

Cars is a wake up call for us all—to see the big picture and get our priorities right.

I believe anyone can attain the eternal security of their souls and create a spectacular life in the here now if they can learn a few simple lessons and apply them.

**1) Life is a race** - SPEED - running around after everything leads to pride - you - arrogance John Lasseter writer who's wife pulled him aside one day and told him he was missing it - family growing up so fast

1 Cor 9. Run in such a way as to win you can also run in such away to lose everything and their soul.

You must choose to go to heaven - many miss it We are becoming Soulless - life is not a sprint but a marathon

**2) Somehow someway you've gotta get off the highway!**

John Lasseter learnt this when he went on a holiday on route 66. All of the cars are personalities that he met on that trip.

Everybody needs a Radiator Springs

- A place to slow down enough to experience life
- A place where we can learn from the people around you
- A place where real relationships and friendships can flourish.

Radiator springs is the church

- Sometimes when you first step into a church your reaction to church is like lightening's—this is dull and boring.
- I got to get out of here
- You feel like you've been institutionalised.

The Church is not an institution—it's a family, the family of God. It's a group of people who love and care for each other very much. But we can only experience it if we allow ourselves to slow down.

The Church is this place where we can actually experience life as God intended it to be.

- It's in this place where Sunday after Sunday when we can slow down (Pit Stop)
- Refocus our priorities
- We learn from God some really cool far out stuff like sometimes you need to turn right to turn left. Isaiah 55:8-9 my ways are higher than your ways
- We take time to cultivate friendships. It's where we learn to listen and take advice on board to help us live life well.

God loves all people so much that we will orchestrate whatever he needs to in order to get you connected with his church. WHY because the church is his family. And it's in his church, his family with his other kids that you find not only you the way back to health but also how to prioritize your life so you secure the eternal dwelling place of your soul.

1 John 4:7-8 let us live on another

Church—Everyone needs a Spiritual gas station—a place where we discover truth and as Jesus said on another occasion—you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free!

- When some experience real love
- And then out of that love comes absolute truth—well things just change in fact everything begins to change.
- Your values change
- Your attitude changes
- Your priorities change

### **3) Coming first is not what's important. What's important is making sure everyone finishes the race.**

John 15:13 No greater love is there than a man lay down his life for his friend  
It's not about winning the race, it's about everybody finishing the race!

All human beings are like lightening. We need a Radiator Springs to help us slow down and focus on what is important. And it's Radiator Springs that we encounter love and truth from wonderful friends. When that position is achieve we are now in the right place to really live instead of exist.

The church is full of different characters—but all God's kids, all different expression of him, all with something to contribute to our journey through life towards eternity.