

The Very Important Package

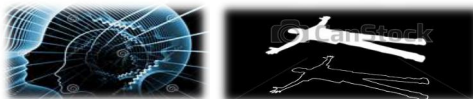


Once upon a time, there was a woman on her way to a market in a far away town. The woman was told to deliver a prized possession to a very important merchant in this town. But the woman had many issues with this task. She didn't know the route but had an ancient map...she was extremely busy with her daily life...and she had friends and family that she wanted to spend her free time with.



So off she started on the long journey. On the way she met other travelers who didn't know the complete way but helped her with directions on the map. But because the journey was long and competing with her other interests, she grew tired. Then one day she met an old traveler on the same route as her. He told her that he too had an ancient map as she did, and that he could deliver her prized possession to the very important merchant when he arrived. At first she was reluctant to allow him to take the package, but she missed her life back home. So she gave the package to the old traveler who had every intention of delivering the package. He started toward the far away town as the woman made her retreat back to her hometown.

Unfortunately, the old traveler died on his journey before he reached the far away town. Then one day the very important merchant visits the woman in her town and asks for the prized possession that he never received. The woman explained how she was busy, tired, lost, and wanted to get home to family and friends. And how she had entrusted the old traveler.



The very important merchant then tells the woman that inside the prized package was *her soul*...and that it was her responsibility to ensure that she continue to follow the map....and that Jesus was walking with her to help her get to the far away town. All she needed to do was stay on the path.

Never entrust others with the most precious gift God has given you.