

A long, straight road stretches into the distance, flanked by water. The road has two yellow lines and several footprints are visible on the pavement. The scene is hazy, suggesting a misty or foggy day.

MY OWN INITIATIVE

John 5:30

HIS WORDS ARE SUFFICIENT

- God has given us all the information we need in order to know how we ought to behave (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- They are comprehensive and balanced (cf. 1 Tim. 6:6-10; Prov. 6:1-5).
- Too often we leave the depths and riches of God's word unexplored (Rom. 13:9-10).
- We ought to come to His word with the mindset that everything I need to know is in here (Matt. 4:4).

FROM GOD OR MEN

- We have been in seemingly uncharted territory.
- Are our attitudes, words, and actions truly guided by God or are we imitating the world around us.
 - In our attitudes (Jas. 1:19; 20:3; Eph. 4:31; Lk. 9:53-56).
 - In our words (Prov. 18:2; 29:20; Jn. 8:6-7).
 - In our actions (Mk. 14:29, 31; Lk. 22:49-51, 55-62).
- We cannot rely on the examples of even “great” men of history (Rom. 13:1-7; Gal. 2:11-13).
- Jesus didn’t show us how to rid the world of wickedness, He showed us how to rid our hearts of it (Matt. 5:39-42).