

Ruts, Ridges and Other Terrain

Ruts and ridges – looking backward and looking forward.

1. The rut of _____.

From a certain perspective, most things seem insignificant.
“*Ups and upper ups*”
The great value of *purpose* and *perspective*.

2. The rut of _____.

“*I like my hands.*”
Proverbs 13:12; Ps. 69:20, 29-33

3. The rut of _____.

Ephesians 2:1-3 – the world, the “flesh,” Satan – *the deceiver*
The danger of deception.
“*I expect this world to be perfect!*”

Everything we do is based on something we believe.

4. _____ the ruts.

Learning to fly.
Deuteronomy 32:9-12
God disturbs.
God stirs up.
God provides.

Prov. 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Ps. 69:20

Reproach has broken my heart and I am so sick.
And I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
And for comforters, but I found none.

Ps. 69:29-33

²⁹ But I am afflicted and in pain;
May Your salvation, O God, set me securely on high.
³⁰ I will praise the name of God with song
And magnify Him with thanksgiving.
³¹ And it will please the LORD better than an ox
Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.
³² The humble have seen *it and* are glad;
You who seek God, let your heart revive.
³³ For the LORD hears the needy
And does not despise his who are prisoners.

Deut. 32:9-12

⁹ “ For the LORD’S portion is His people;
¹⁰ “ He found him in a desert land,
And in the howling waste of a wilderness;
He encircled him, He cared for him,
He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.
¹¹ “ Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,
That hovers over its young,
He spread His wings and caught them,
He carried them on His pinions.
¹² “ The LORD alone guided him, ...