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Last week I came across an interesting, and somewhat funny news headline. Seems a family dog, a very friendly hound, had been let out in the yard to relieve itself. But when the owner went to retrieve the dog, it was nowhere to be found. Turns out this particular well-socialized hound had decided to join a host of runners in a half-marathon event happening near his home. On he ran, joining one runner after another, until he reached the finish line; completing the entire 13.1 mile course in 7th place. The owner had no idea where the dog had gone until they saw pictures of their celebrated pet on Facebook.

I'm sure that dog had no idea where it was headed when it started running. He just saw a whole lot of people merrily running in the same direction and decided to join them. In this case, the outcome was funny and festive. However, joining the masses isn't always such a good idea. There are many situations where the throngs are headed in the wrong direction, even celebrating as they go; but the ends are painful and destructive.

Matt 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

My Dad once challenged a decision I was making. I felt my choices were reasonable. I saw no harm in the perspective I was advancing, and brushed off his concerns with a flippant, "But millions hold this perspective. How could that many people be wrong?" Even before he spoke, I saw the fallacy in my question. Dad looked at me and shot back a firm and somber, "Sadly, millions of people have blindly followed many horrible perspectives over the years." Yes, the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many enter it.