

Trusting As We Travel



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Last Friday, I drove to Baghdad, KY to meet some sisters from another mother. A handful of ladies were get-

ting together at Cedarmore to plan a retreat for minister's wives in September. (More info to come on that later!)

It's been almost 20 years since I went with our youth to camp at Cedarmore. On those trips, I was on a church bus full of teenagers and hadn't been driving. I tend to not pay attention to the road when I'm a passenger. I remember it being in a remote area with lots of twists and turns on the way.

Making a trip back to "camp" required assistance. I put the address in Maps on my iPhone to guide me. There was a "fastest route", a "simplest route", and just another route that was apparently neither fast nor simple. Cedarmore was 163 miles from home and it would take me approximately two hours

and 35 minutes to make the journey. There were 15 turns, merges and exits I would need to make; it was all plotted out for me. All I had to do was follow the directions.

Throughout the drive, I was amazed at my GPS. It was like Siri, or whomever, was looking right over my shoulder. If I made a wrong turn and for the record I did not at any time this trip-Siri's British voice would say "Return to the Route". She would then instruct me to make a U-turn ASAP.

Occasionally on my Friday trip, I made turns that made no sense at all, but I kept going. I followed the blue arrow on my phone the entire time, and do you know what? I made it exactly there! How amazing is that?!

Isn't it even more amazing

that I put my complete trust in an app on a cell phone that guided me to my destination? I have never met Siri nor do I know where she came from or lives, yet each time she told me to turn, merge or exit, I did so-fully believing she knew what was best. Even when it looked sketchy!

So, how in the world can I NOT trust my Father in heaven to lead me and guide me every single day? He loves me WAY MORE than Siri does and He has the best path EVER! I hadn't realized how Prov. 3:5-6 so specifically related to both driving AND living! "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths". I ALWAYS need my path directed!

If we are followers of Christ, we know our destination: heaven. We WILL get there one day! Until then, we are on a journey. There will be turns we don't expect, times when we must travel slowly and times we will have to wait. We will need to be aware of others on our journey; they may be distracted. Some days there will be bumps in the road (illness, job changes, etc.); some days it will be wonderfully smooth and the sun will be shining so gloriously you will want to take a picture. (On my trip to Cedarmore, there were bathroom breaks, a short stop for pizza and construction. It took 25 minutes longer than Siri expected, but I got there!)

We can know and trust daily that God is with us, watching over us and will get us exactly where we need to be!

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Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.

PROVERBS 17:5

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

I **appeal** to **you**, in the **name** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that **all** of you **agree** with **one another** in **what** you **say** and that **there** be no **divisions among** you, but **that** you be **perfectly united** in **mind** and **thought**.

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Recent tornados that have wreaked havoc across the central United States have been devastating. The loss of loved ones, the scope of injuries that will take years to overcome, the destruction of homes and businesses, the feelings of grief and hopelessness that grasped individuals as they sorted through piles of rubbish that at one time represented their entire life is beyond understanding.

In the midst of these great tragedies, however, were the stories and pictures of some who were prepared for such an event. From past encounters with powerful winds and driving rain and hail storms were those who came to the conclusion that preparation for such

a time was a top priority. They were the ones who built sturdy shelters beneath the ground where they were sure to be safe. They did not trust their lives to fate or chance. They recognized their need to prepare for the assaults of life.

The author of Psalm 91 spoke of the need we have to prepare for the assaults of life. "He," wrote the author, "will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge."

While storm shelters can protect us from wind and rain, flying objects and falling buildings, only God can protect us from the destructive forces of sin. In Him we have the assurance that He will meet all of our needs - spiritual, emotional and physical - every day of our lives. And through Him we have His promise that He will give us His power and strength, presence and protection to overcome the attacks of the devil.

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What is Your Life?

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In the **Book of James, 4:14**, the question is asked, "For what is your life?" Then he illustrates shortness of life, comparing it to the early morning fog that we see so very often here, being near the river.

Have you ever considered this all-important question? When we look at the beginning of this verse, many may not be fully comprehending what all it means; such as being used to describe a person. Def: **in order to be; to become; to get; to have; to keep; and more, our will or God's will, should, and ought to be, must be.**

So, this life offers to us many opportunities to excel in life. We are put here for a purpose, not to squander or misuse all our talents upon selfish living. Solomon wrote in **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." So, wherever your life may be taking you, remember always, that your first duty in life is to hear and keep the commandments of God.

If we will do this, there will be time also to accomplish many of your other plans.

Someone once said, and it is rightly so, that **time changes everything!** Now, I don't know about you, but as for me, I don't like so many changes that I have seen. Ever so often we may take a drive back to the area in which we grew up, and then the changes are clearly seen. At times they have brought tears to my eyes or a lonely feeling in my heart. So, changes are not always a pleasant time.

But, on the other hand, we can see and experience some changes that are fantastic; such as, when

a lifelong sinner obeys the Scripture by repenting and being baptized for the remission of all their past sins. And we can see the change gradually reveal itself by the new actions of life. So, this change is one that all should hope, pray, see, occur.

Let me remind our readers once again about the adjectives related to the word, 'for.' We should use our lives **in order to become the person God would have us to be;** to get or lay hold up on eternal life by obedience to God's will; to keep ourselves secure by walking within his guiding instructions for righteous living. This can be found in 2 Timothy 3:15-17. Here it says that the Holy Scriptures are all that is necessary to our teachings and instruction in righteousness. This imposed my question to you, Dear Reader, **'Are you aware of what the Bible is all about?'**

My encouragement to you is: Time is fastly passing you by and your opportunity to face the Lord in Judgment is getting closer each passing day. So, our lives have a purpose, and this main purpose is not to frolic away in selfish pleasures that will not get you into God's Heaven. But, on the other hand, we ought to align ourself with obedience to Christ, **and then**, all your good actions in life will be charged to your Heavenly bank account.

There is one thing none should be desirous to do, and that is, to **stand before Jesus and be spiritually bankrupt.** In **Matthew 6:19-21**, our Lord says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." In closing, what is your life, and where is your treasure? Remember, the Lord knows, and He doesn't forget.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book could be summarized, "Pay attention, God has a master plan in the works we need to be a part of"? Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel
3. From Judges 7, who had the barley-cake vision tumbling into an army camp overturning

a tent? Shepherd, Soldier, Peasant, Steward

4. After an angel delivered them from a Jerusalem prison, where did the apostles go? Temple, Fields, Mountaintop, River

5. Who had his servants set barley crops on fire because he refused to meet with Absalom? Job, Joab, Jethro, Jehoshabath

6. From Acts 12, where did Peter encounter an angel? Tent door, Prison, City gate, Temple

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"Any woman who diets all the time can't help but be grouchy. Nobody can be amusing or entertaining on a diet."

— Zsa Zsa Gabor

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