

THE WAY OF GUIDANCE

Recap of Series:

The Ways of God

- *God's ways are not our ways.*
- *We are called to learn the ways of heaven in the life.*
- *We are called to learn God's ways*
- *We are called to unlearn our ways*

Is 55:8

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.*

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*"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

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*"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,*

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*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me [c]void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

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Isaiah 48:17

*Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
"I am the Lord your God,
Who teaches you to profit,
Who leads you by the way you should go.*

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Psalm 32:8

New King James Version

*8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.*

Eph 1:11-12

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

God has an incredible plan for your life and mine. The sad reality is few Christians step into the fullness of this plan.

- One of the primary reasons we failed to step into this plan, is that we have not learned to follow the leading and guidance of God.*
- Our flesh wants God, but it wants God on its own terms. To walk with God we must develop the daily disciplines of trust and obedience.*
- The original call of Jesus was not to accept him as Lord and Savior. The call of Jesus was simply to leave everything and follow him. We see the same pattern repeated all throughout the New Testament, and it remains the same call on our lives today.*
- If you want to learn to be a leader, you need to learn to be led.*

It is vital that we come to a mature understanding of what it means to be led by the spirit. We must grow out of religion and superstition regarding the leading of the Holy Spirit.

ONE: LEAVING YOUR PLACE OF SECURITY

Hebrews 11:8

By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Luke 5:11

So when they had brought their boats to land, they [a]forsook all and followed Him.

- God calls us to leave the place of our own security and follow him.*
- We often place our identity in our sense of security.*

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TWO: GOD CAN GUIDE YOU TO THE MEASURE OF YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM.

Prov 3:5

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall [b]direct your paths.*

Rom 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

- *Trust is relational capital.*
- *We have faith in God's word but we trust in our relationship with him.*
- *We can measure our trust in God by the depth of our relationship with him.*
- *The Holy Spirit calls us each day to place the weight of our trust in him alone.*

THREE: AS YOU GO.....

- *The key to hearing the voice of God, is obeying the voice of God. Today if you hear his voice, harden not your heart.*
- *God will call us to walk before we know the way.*
- *Our trust is not in the path we see, but in the guide.*
- *God's plans open to us progressively, not all in one moment.*

FOUR: THE WAY OF PEACE

Col 3:15

And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

Phil 4

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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- *We need to be so familiar with God's peace that it becomes the anchor of our soul*
- *Learn to practice the peace of God*
- *Learn to retreat back to the internal compass of God's peace.*

FIVE: THE PRACTICE OF LISTENING

- *Maturity in the spirit is not to seek guidance, but to seek the guide.*
- *One of the mistakes of immaturity is to look to the prophetic for guidance, rather than look to the prophetic as an invitation into a greater relationship [where we will find all the guidance we need.]*
- *Embrace the daily discipline being still the full Lord.*