

Seeking God's Direction? Do This First

After I delivered a message on courage to few hundred women, I stood on stage, wireless mic in hand, and with a smile of delight, I answered questions from the audience. Here's one of them.

"What is the most daring thing you did after you lost your sight?"

Hmmm ... should I or shouldn't I tell them? Why not? Here goes:

A few years ago, I was in California attending a writers' conference. A friend jokingly asked, "Do you want to drive?"

I stopped, stared in her direction, and with a deviant look, I answered, "Yes."

"Are you sure?" she asked.

"No, the question is, are *you* sure you want me to drive your car?"

"Why not?"

She placed the car keys in my hand. I felt my way around to the driver's side, ran my fingers till I found the handle and opened the door. I settled in the driver's seat. "OK, here we go." I fumbled a bit to find the ignition, then inserted the key and started the engine.

Once she guided me to the right gear, she gave firm, clear instructions.

Not having any sight at all for over 25 years, driving a car again had been but a dream for me. My heart was beating a bit fast with excitement.

"Keep it straight now, a little to the left, now to the right just a bit, not much."

I followed each instruction. "Give it a little gas," she said. I did. We were on a hill. What fun!

You've Got to Trust Someone

I know what you're thinking: *She's a bit crazy!* I agree. But now, years later, I can tell you the reason I was able to drive her car. It was because my friend was with me. I trusted in her ability to give me instructions and direction to tell me what to do, where to turn and when to slow down.

Life is the same. While on the road of life, we're often blind to what will be around the corner, what will pop up unexpectedly and where the ditches of heartache are.

But we reach our destination safely only when we realize our blindness and recognize God's vision for our future. That vision is stated in the Bible. Then, following the GPS of Scripture, we have the confidence to move forward, knowing God is by our side, calling out each instruction.

That's because "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Like my friend, God is patient as He instructs, corrects and tells us to wait, slow down or stop.

Whether we're about to enter into a new relationship, a new job, a new chapter or an unfamiliar stage of life, God is speaking gently and clearly.

He never leaves us on our own to blindly drive through life. "He has said: 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you.'" So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear'"

(Heb. 13:5-6).

Let's Pray

Father, so often I've driven the vehicle of my own life, encountering cliffs of adversity, potholes of setbacks and disappointments that took me on unwanted detours. But now, listening to the instructions in your Word, the road is secure and the ride is smooth. In Jesus' name, amen.

Have you considered Gods instructions that are found in the Bible *before* you make a decision? Before you head in a new direction?

Friends, I'd love your comments; be sure to share them with me. {eoa}

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