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We Need a Guide *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

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Recently in a Sunday message I was talking about being inspired by a devotional I read called, "We Need A Guide" by Charles Spurgeon. The verse he quoted from was out of Psalm 48...

For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death. Psalm 48:14 NKJV

If we wonder what is wrong with our society, I believe the main reason is because too many are self-guided. They have no one to show them the way to walk, because they don't see their need for it. There is a powerful Scripture in Jeremi-

ah that could be life changing for people - but the last line reveals a sad reality...

Jeremiah 6:16, NKJV

Thus says the Lord:

"Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

What about us? How often is it that we really want to do what's right, but we do not know what that is? Those are the times that we would give about anything to have someone come up to us

and say, "Do this!" It's not that we are refusing to do what we know is the right thing, we just can't figure out what that "right thing" looks like.

Are we looking to our wonderful Savior, who promises to be our Guide? There are countless cautionary tales of those who refuse to do what is right before God, and then play the victim as they wonder why life is so difficult. Proverbs 13:15 makes it clear that, "...the way of transgressors is hard."

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Go Fishing *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

““Master, we have fished all the night and have taken nothing; nevertheless at Thy word, I will let down the net.” Luke 5:5

Many people love to “go fishing” in summer. I am not one of them but I’m glad to share a spiritual truth on fishing that is worth trying.

If anyone knew how to fish, it was Peter. He knew their

habits, where and when to look for them and how to catch them. Then one day, along came a Carpenter who tells him to do things contrary to all good fishing practices! He asked him to fish during the brightest time of day, and in the center of the lake instead of along the shore. However, as a close follower of Jesus, Peter had witnessed the miraculous power of

“words” that Jesus spoke, so he responded: “We will try it again YOUR way.” God’s way worked!

Our Pastors encourage us to daily ask: “Lord, what do YOU want me to DO TODAY?” Let us follow Peter’s example. We might discover God has a fresh, new assignment in His plans for our life.

~ Earlene

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The great news for us as believers is that we indeed have a Guide. As a matter of fact, we have the best Guide there is! And if we follow Him, if we acclimate ourselves to being sensitive to His Word, and His Spirit, as the Word puts it, He leads us as Psalm 16:6 promises, “... in pleasant places...”

So, in light of this, we must take great care in what our posture is

when it comes to the way we live our lives, the humility with which we make decisions. I love the Psalmist’s attitude concerning this - take another look at one of the Scriptures I shared last month...

Psalm 25:4-5, NKJV

Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait

all the day.

One of the ways that we can apply this Scripture is to actually pray this verse. I’m constantly finding verses that are powerful when we pray them. This from Psalm 25 would be a dynamic way to begin each day. This informs us and God right from the start of our day Who is in charge of our lives.

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August Calendar

SUNDAYS

**Service Time:
10:30am**

August 4 – Communion Service

MONDAYs

Office Closed

TUESDAYs

**Church Office and Library Hours
10:00am to 4:00pm
Call for appointment**



The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22 NKJ

WEDNESDAYs

**August Events @
11:00am**

August 7—Cornell Trio Concert

August 14—Blue Zones Lifestyle Seminar with nutritionist Jaqueline Atwood

August 21—Hymn Sing

August 28—Worship and The Word with Traci Sommer

THURSDAYs

No Mens & Women’s Ministry meetings this month—back in September!

FRIDAYs

Church Office Hours 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please call for appointment

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With these words we are yielding our life, our decisions, to the One who has promised to lead us...

Psalm 25:9, NKJV

The humble He guides in justice,

And the humble He teaches His way.

If we truly desire to live being led by God, we must be sure that we are capable of being led. Are we listening for His still, small voice that urges us

to do what's right in any situation? If we're honest, we all have times where we struggle with this. The Psalmist has another wonderful verse for us to pray...

Psalm 119:36,

Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to covetousness.

Again, here we have a recognition of dependence, and a prayer for guidance. And the wonderful thing about our

Lord is that not only does He promise to lead, He helps us by inclining our heart to obey His Word.

“The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after

Him; and all the time we are pursuing Him we are already in His hand.” A.W. Tozer

~ Pastor Sheri





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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~August 1, 2024

Warm Summer August Greetings to you! This is going to be a fun month filled with unique opportunities for you to enjoy. So if you don't want to miss out, please take special note of the calendar section.

Wednesdays in August @ 11am— we have a variety of events taking place:

- Wednesday, August 7 - The Cornell's will bring us a Summer Concert
- Wednesday, August 14 - We will hear

about the "Blue Zones" and how we can learn from people who live in these regions things that can greatly impact our health, from nutritionist Jacqueline Atwood

- Wednesday, August 21 - Gary Leming will lead us in our Summer Hymn Sing!
- Wednesday, August 28 - Traci Brewer Sommer will lead a time of Praise, Worship & the Word

We invite you to join us this first Sunday in August in our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is the time to partake together and in this way we obey Jesus' command to "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Looking forward to Sunday,

Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming