

- How would you explain the concept that God's direction for life is more like GPS than a AAA TripTik? Explain how your perspective affects the way you live.
- Why is it important to understand that it's more about how we live than where we live? Can you give some examples of this? How does Romans 8:28 MSG play into this?
- Explain how God's direction is like an instant picture. Read Proverbs 4:18. Describe a situation where you have found that to be true.
- Have you ever had a picture spoiled by a photobomber? What happened? How is the story of Elijah an example of that (see 1 Kings 18 & 19)? When has a scene in your life left you discouraged because someone or some situation photobombed it?
- When have you been pleasantly surprised by a photobomb? Have you ever had an experience where there was a delay in the discovery of the photobomber? What happened?
- Share some of the times you realized God had actually photobombed a scene in your life. Why does rehearsing those times and hearing others share give resolve to owning this week's Bottom Line: "You can trust God further than you can see Him"?
- What is the possible background of Psalm 9? As you read through it, discuss how the Bottom Line is teased out in David's reflections.

Next Steps: What are you currently facing where the concept of God being in the picture changes everything? Do you really believe you can trust God further than you can see Him? How could you lean into that truth more? Who in your life needs to realize that truth? How can you come alongside that person in a non-judgmental way?

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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Things to Remember about God's Direction:

¹³ "Don't look for shortcuts. For the wide exit has a broad road which leads to disaster and there are many people going that way. ¹⁴ But small is the exit and narrow the road that leads to life, only a few are finding it. That direction to life, to God, is vigorous and requires total attention.

Matthew 7:13–14 (MSG, NIV, E2RV, DFS)

➤ It's more like GPS than a TripTik.

1 Corinthians 16:5-9 NIV

Rather than spelling out everything in detail, it sets forth general guidelines and principles, with lots of freedom and flexibility for adjustments as life unfolds.

Larry Osborne

➤ It's more about how we live than where we live.

²All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. ³Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Proverbs 16:2-3 NIV

²⁸That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

Romans 8:28 MSG

➤ It's more like an instant picture than a cell phone.

¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Proverbs 4:18 ESV

¹⁹But the [path] of wrongdoing gets darker and darker— travelers can't see a thing; they fall flat on their faces. Proverbs 4:19 MSG

The Photobomb

↗ Scenic overlooks spoiled

¹Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." ³Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 1 Kings 19:1–4 NIV

You can't fill tomorrow by
running on empty today.

↗ Scenic overlooks surprised

⁵ Trust the Lord completely, and don't depend or lean on your own knowledge. Don't try to figure out everything on your own. Proverbs 3:5 MSG, NIV, E2RV, DFS

¹Long enough, God— you've ignored me long enough. I've looked at the back of your head long enough. ²Long enough I've carried this ton of trouble, lived with a stomach full of pain. Long enough my arrogant enemies have looked down their noses at me. ³Take a good look at me, God, my God; I want to look life in the eye, ⁴So no enemy can get the best of me or laugh when I fall on my face. ⁵I've thrown myself headlong into your arms— I'm celebrating your rescue. ⁶I'm singing at the top of my lungs, I'm so full of answered prayers. Psalm 13:1–6 MSG

⁴You took over and set everything right; when I needed you, you were there, taking charge. ⁶Enemies disappear from the sidelines, their reputation trashed, their names erased from the halls of fame. ¹⁰The moment you arrive, you relax; you're never sorry you knocked. Psalm 9:4, 6, 10 MSG

¹⁸But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish. Psalm 9:18 NIV

⁶Enemies disappear from the sidelines, their reputation trashed, their names erased from the halls of fame. Psalm 9:6 MSG

⁴You took over and set everything right; when I needed you, you were there, taking charge. Psalm 9:4 MSG

Bottom Line:

You can trust God further
than you can see Him.

Often Dave uses concepts and ideas from a variety of resources when writing a message. If you have any questions regarding these sources, please don't hesitate to contact Dave at daves@senecacommunitychurch.com.

To help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps, consider using the "Think It Over" section below and on the back.

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Think It Over:

This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Quick review: As you review the message guide, what are some take-aways that really touched your heart? Why do you think they registered with you?

Diving in:

- Have you ever heard of a AAA TripTik? Have you ever used one? Did they help you when you traveled? What do you use now? How has GPS affected the way you travel? Which travel app do you prefer and why?

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