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With Encouragement From God's Word

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Lots of cars are equipped with a GPS Navigation System.

THE LORD IS OUR PERFECT NAVIGATION SYSTEM!

There are also portable models and applications for the phone. When it's turned on, the system runs quietly in the background, allowing us to use the phone, and talk to others in the car. But, when we need to change directions, the voice comes on, and tells us which way to turn. But, if we don't follow the GPS, or listen to the voice, or make the turns, we can get lost.

The Lord is our perfect navigation system. He knows just where we **are**, and where we are **going**. The problem is; He's not always the driver. Sometimes He's in the passenger's seat. Other times He's in the back seat. We may at times put Him in the trunk, and only take Him out when there is a crisis. Worst of all is if we don't have Him in the car at all.

*But we expect Him to jog beside the car the way
Secret Service agents run alongside a
presidential motorcade.*

Thankfully, we have a good God on our side. And, anytime we get lost, or find ourselves in trouble or a crisis, He **always** makes a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

**But, the thing to do is stop the car, right in the middle of
the street, and let the Lord drive!!**



Our work will still be the same: bills, family dynamics didn't change, work is still hard, stress and anxiety didn't go away, and we still have the same health problems. **B**ut now, the Lord is in charge, and He will show us the way to navigate through **every** area of our lives. The road will look different from the passenger's seat. The conversation will be different.

The Lord will tell how much He loves us (Psalms 103:7; John 3:16; Romans 5:8, 8:35), and that He wants to hear about our fears, our pains and our problems. We can say like King Jehoshaphat, "We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you" (II Chronicles 20:12). He reminds us that we belong to Him (I Corinthians 12:20; John 10:27-30), and that we are the apple of His eye (Psalms 17:8). He tells us to keep our eyes on Him because He is the author and the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Then, He tells us about the plans He has in store for us (Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 55:8-9, I Corinthians 2:9; Ephesians 3:20). One of the first things the Lord does in the car is disconnect the Odometer and remove the rear view mirror.



He wants us to forget the things from the past; where we've been and how long it will take, and focus on the road ahead, and where He wants to take us (Proverbs 3:6; Philippians 3:13-14, Hebrews 12:2).

To help fix our financial problems, He might stop by the **storehouse**, so we can deposit our first fruits, and then He'll show us how to be good stewards over our money (Malachi 3:10-12, Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34; Luke 6:38).

For issues in the family, He gives us the road map from the word which shows us the way wives, children and husbands should treat each other (Joshua 24:15; I Timothy 3:1-7, 3:12; Ephesians 4:26, 5:22-33, 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 4: 40, 6:7-9; Psalms 103:13; Proverb 22:6; Job 1:5).



For the stress at work, He reminds us that He prepares the table before us in the presence



of our enemies (Psalms 23:5). Now, that table may not be a dining table, but a Conference table, or a Board Room table. And, since He prepared the table, **He** allowed it, and He knows just where **we** should sit. He has also arranged the seating for everyone else (Psalms 23:5), and **He** puts Himself at the head He reminds us not to put our



confidence in man, but to trust Him (Psalms 118:8-9). **He assures us that He will be with us, showing us how to respond** (Psalms 118:6; Matthew 12:19-20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11-12).



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And when we get overwhelmed with life in general, the Lord might drive to the park and stop beside the water, so we can meditate on Him and His Word (Psalms 23:2, 119:9-16). He tells us to take off the heavy back pack the world gave us; and to put on **His back pack because it's easy and light. (Matthew 11:28-30). He might lay a blanket out on the grass so we can rest (Psalms 23:2, Matthews 14:23; Mark 6:31-32). **Then, at bedtime He turns off the radio and the TV so we can sleep (Psalms 4:8, 127:2).****

Along the road, the Lord stops at all the stop lights and stop signs, to show us that we should obey those who rule over us (Matthew 22:21; Hebrews 13:17).

He drives in the proper lane (Psalms 23:3), and steers away from those businesses or places that tempt us to go astray, or fall into sin (Psalms 91:3; I Corinthians 10:13).



He drives the speed limit to remind us that we should be anxious for nothing, but to wait on Him (Philippians 4:6). He steers gently around the potholes, traps and snares set by the enemy.

He tells us not to be afraid, but to trust Him (Psalms 119:105, 141:8-10; Isaiah 45:2). He obeys the yield signs for oncoming traffic to show us that we should be tenderhearted, kind, and considerate to others (Ephesians 4:31-32). Along the way, we might think the road ahead looks like the best route, and it may even be a shorter way. So we think the Lord will stay on that road. But then He turns in a different direction. We ask why, and He gently tells us that there is a sink hole a few miles down that we didn't know about (Psalms 1:1-2 | Corinthians 10:13).

He cautions us that the back roads and side streets might seem right or faster, but only lead to a dead end (Proverbs 14:12).

He assures us that although the road we're on is narrow, it's the way that leads to life (Matthew 7:13-14; Psalms 23:6; John 14:2-3).

And **His** way is the **only** way to get home (John 14:6-7).

Those who have allowed the Lord to **drive** them through life can testify that He is more than qualified.

BECAUSE:

■ He is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25- 26), and has the **Keys** to Hell and Death (Revelation 1:18).

- He can drive anytime, day or night, because He is the **Light of the World** (John 8:12).
- The road is never dark because He is a **Lamp unto our Path** (Psalms 119:105).
- He has never lost a passenger because everyone the Father gave Him to keep, **He has kept** (John 17:12).
- He never gets lost because He is **The Way, The Truth and The Life**. (John 14:6).

So for anyone who needs a new direction, the Lord is waiting.

Let Him drive!

Father, We are so glad that You are the Good Shepherd, and that we belong to You. Thank you for loving us enough to think we were to die for. **Your life** saved our life, rescuing us. Forgive us for all our sins. And forgive us for those times when we try to drive, instead of allowing you to be Lord over our whole lives. Help us to trust you and not to fear the way things look. Lord, keep us mindful that since you are **for us**, **no one** can stand against us. Lord, thank you for being **Emanuel**, God with us, **everywhere**, **all** the time. Amen.

Prayer for Salvation: Lord, I know I am a sinner and I need a Savior. I believe Lord, that You sent Your Son Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay for my sins. I ask you to forgive me of my sins come into my heart and give me eternal life. I ask this by faith. Amen.

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**ABOUT OUR READERS . . .** As an added feature, GACCS would like you to know who is reading along with you.

We present to you today:  
**JEAN E. MASSEY**

Jean came to know about God's love as a child. She attended Sunday School and with others sang the songs Jesus' love for us and it became a part of her life's story that *she* loves to tell. To this very day she knows the love of God is present and lives in her heart.



As a child Jean was unable to participate in sports because of a heart condition. She shared that because of God's love for her, she 'out grew' the heart condition and was able to play basketball and tennis in high school. As stated by her, "What A Wonderful God We Serve!"

As stated by Jean: "There are many words of encouragement: Love, Trust, Obey, Kindness, Joy, Honesty, Goodness. Respect, Understanding and Thoughtfulness. Pray and read the Bible and other encouraging books.

**My love letter to God would be to express my Gratitude:**

- + Thank you God for the hymns of Love "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" (There are many).
- + Thank you God for Your Word – The Holy Bible "Praise Him, Praise Him!"
- + Thank you God for revealing Your Will for my life
  - Be Joyful – 1 Thessalonians 5:16
  - Pray Continually – I Thessalonians 5:17
  - Give Thanks – I Thessalonians 5:18

**"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"** *Jean E. Massey*