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From the Pastor



God's Pathway System

Where are you traveling to this summer? Our family has a number of trips planned. As I write this to you, Mindy is at a hotel resting after taking our son Ryan to summer camp.

She got there by using a GPS, a **G**lobal **P**ositioning **S**ystem. Before she left the house, the address of the camp and the address of the hotel were programmed into the GPS. She had no idea where she was going. She simply trusted the GPS.

If she didn't trust the GPS, she would have been traveling blind. Sure, she could have used a map, but she's not very good with maps. Had she not used the GPS, there is a good chance she would have gotten lost.

Since she trusted the GPS, she was able to get to her destination. Even if she took a wrong turn, the GPS would have redirected her. She had no fear of losing her way, even if along the way she made mistakes.

We as believers have another GPS we can use. Our GPS is **G**od's **P**athway **S**ystem. A look at Proverbs 3:5-6 explains it well.

⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.*

⁶ *Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.*

(Proverbs 3:5-6 New Living Translation)



To get to where God wants us to go, we need to trust in His GPS. We have no idea what God has planned for our lives. God has looked ahead and has a plan for us. He knows where He wants us to go.

As we travel along in our lives, we need to program our lives with

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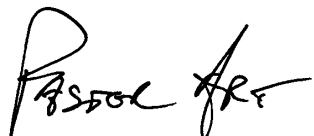
God's GPS. We do this by completely trusting God for our lives. We depend on Him by praying and looking to His word. We also open our lives with a listening ear to hear God's directions.

If we don't trust the GPS, then we travel spiritually blind. Sure, we have a brain, and we can make guesses as to what God wants us to do. We can use logic, common sense and other personal abilities; however, we are then lost. We are trying to do God's will without any idea where we are going.

If we trust God completely, He will direct us. Even if we make a mistake and start going in the wrong direction, God promises He will correct our path. Trusting God removes the fear of living life. Sure, we don't always know where to go, but it doesn't matter. We are following the directions of the One who does.

As you and I travel in life we need to follow **God's Pathway System**.

In Him and for His Glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.