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**Jeremiah 10:23**

**O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.**

**Thesis:** learn lessons from analogies taken from things happening while on a trip.

## **Introduction:**

- A) Our spiritual lives are often compared to a trip or journey.
- B) Today we will compare my trip to Memphis to our spiritual journey.

## **Discussion:**

### **I) “Got Distracted”**

#### **A) I was eating my breakfast while driving**

- 1) So because I was distracted I missed my road.
- 2) I allowed my food to absorb all of my thoughts.

#### **B) David allowed the site of Bethsheba to distract him.**

- 1) 2 Samuel 11:2 - And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.
- 2) David allowed himself to be distracted by sin.

#### **C) We can do the same in our spiritual lives.**

- 1) 1 John 2:16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- 2) How often do we let the world take precedent over God?
- 3) James 4:4 ...friend of the world ...not a friend of God.

### **II) “Had to Admit I Missed my Turn”**

#### **A) My wife told me that I missed my turn.**

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- 1) I looked up and started looking around and thinking.
- 2) Then I said, “Oh yeah, hwy19 is way back there”

### **B) David had to admit that he was wrong also.**

- 1) Psalm 51
- 2) He knew he had done wrong and knew he needed to first of all admit that he had done wrong.

### **C) We must do the same when we sin.**

- 1) Acts 8:18-22
- 2) Acts 2:38

## III) “Made A LOT of U-turns”

### **A) I cannot remember how many U-turns I made.**

- 1) Seems like I was always passing up the road.
- 2) And it was real funny because I had 2 other cars following me.

### **B) The children of Israel turned back to God over and over again.**

- 1) The bible records for us countless times where the Israelites returned to God.
- 2) In order for them to be right with God it was necessary that they make a U-turn.

### **C) We too need to make a U-turn if we are on the wrong road.**

- 1) 1John 1:8 – we can deceive ourselves into thinking that we will be ok.
- 2) 1John 1:9 – but the only promise we are given is that he will forgive us after we make that U-turn.

## IV) “Called for Help”

### **A) I finally had to call someone and ask them for directions.**

- 1) At first site I thought I knew where the road was.
- 2) But I didn’t notice all of the address.
- 3) So I called the hotel.

### **B) David constantly prayed to God.**

- 1) Psalm 51
- 2) Petitioning God for help.

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### **C) We are commanded to make that phone call.**

- 1) James 5:16 - Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 - Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

## V) “Was a Little Disappointed”

### **A) We were told by the operator that the Hotel was a very very nice hotel.**

- 1) And so we got our hopes pretty high.
- 2) And when we opened the door and saw that our room was no different than any other room we had stayed in we were a little disappointed.

### **B) The rich man and Lazarus tell us that the records concerning Hades and paradise are accurate.**

- 1) Luke 16:19
- 2) Hades = torment...paradise = paradise

### **C) We won’t be disappointed in heaven.**

- 1) Rev 21:10ff
- 2) Heaven will truly be all that God has promised.
- 3) But we must be faithful – Rev 2:10

## Conclusion:

### **A) Are you distracted?**

- 1) Did you make a wrong turn?
- 2) Do you need to admit that you’re on the wrong road?

### **B) God has made it easy for Christians to make “U-turns” and get back on the right road.**

- 1) John 3:16
- 2) 1John 1:8-9

### **C) But if you’re not a Christian then you have not found the right road yet.**

- 1) Won’t you become a Christian today?
- 2) Here is how.