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He Shall Direct Your Paths

By Joe Slater

Whoever said life is a breeze was wrong! At home, work, school, and yes, even at church, we struggle with complicated issues. Sometimes we wonder which way to turn. How can we resolve life's thorny problems?

Pop psychology says to look within yourself for the answers. Follow your heart! Do whatever you think is right, and it will all work out.

Major problem: God's word says exactly the opposite! "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). So, according to God's inspired prophet, we are looking in the wrong place when we look within ourselves for direction. Why is that?

God, through Jeremiah, gives us the answer in 17:9 – "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Ouch! It hurts me to admit that I am sinful. The world erroneously insists that people are fundamentally good, so we can find the right course by looking inside ourselves. God Himself says our hearts are deceitful and wicked; it is not in us to direct our own steps.

That's not to say that there is nothing good about us, or that we can never be correct about the direction we should go. A heart that has been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and trained in God's word might very well recommend the right path frequently. But that's just the point: bottom line, the right way is determined by God's word, not by whatever might be in my heart. Even the heart converted to Christ may be deceived by Satan's lies through the weakness of the flesh.

King Solomon wisely wrote: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

When the world calls you to look within yourself to find the truth, resist that appeal with all your might. Let God direct your paths; then you may be confident that you will arrive safely at your eternal destination!

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

358—When the Saved Get to Heaven

Opening Prayer:

Mark

Hymn:

501—Give Me The Bible

Scripture Reading:

Ray

Jeremiah 17:5-12

Hymn:

301—He Loved Me So

Lord's Supper:

Larry

Hymn:

668—Our God, He Is Alive

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

607—All Things Are Ready

Closing Hymn:

53—Purer in Heart

Closing Prayer:

Ryan

PRAYER LIST

- *Wanda and her family. Her mother is leaving the hospital this week to be in hospice.
- *Mary's friend Aubrey has been diagnosed with COVID.
- *Kathy is having vision problems.
- *Nina's MRI has been rescheduled for Aug. 4.
- *Tom and Nina's friend Steve is undergoing radiation treatments.
- *Zarna's friends and family in India. Her cousin is doing better but her father is having serious medical issues and has tested positive for COVID.
- *Larry and Ruth.
- *Pat and Ron and their daughters.
- *Juanita's sister Betty.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Juanita and her family
- *Ray and Barbara
- *Dale continued safety at work.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole
- *Margaret and her family.
- *Mark and his family

CALENDAR

- Aug. 2—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
- Aug. 2—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line
- Aug. 9—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
- Aug. 9—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line
- Aug. 9—a. Ray & Rebecca

Answer to Puzzle: Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.

Trust the Lord

Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 17:5-12

ACCORDING	ANXIOUS	BEGINNING	BROODS
CURSED	DECEITFUL	DEPARTS	DESERT
DESPERATELY	DROUGHT	GLORIOUS	INHABIT
PARCHED	PARTRIDGE	PLACES	PLANTED
RICHES	SANCTUARY	SEARCH	SPREADS
STRENGTH	THINGS	THRONE	TRUSTS
WATERS	WICKED	WILDERNESS	YIELDING

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Hidden Message: _____

**A mind is like a parachute.
 It doesn't work if it isn't open.**

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom);

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