

INNER STATE 80

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JOURNEY

*A companion to the book
by Dr. Joel C. Hunter*



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On-Ramp *Preparing for Your Journey*

DEAR FELLOW TRAVELER,
Progress in spiritual depth and maturity is inevitable as we begin to value the “along the way” aspects of the Christian life. This “Travel Log” was designed to help you do just that.

A companion to the Inner State 80 daily devotional, you can use this tool to record along the way what God is teaching you, where He is taking you, and how He is using you as you travel the eighty “Miles” provided in the book. A few short sentences will do fine. A sample is provided on the following page to give you an idea of how this works.

Additionally, at the end of each “Exit,” there’s space provided for you to look back and identify patterns of God’s involvement in your life.

There are several benefits to journaling: You’re capturing the evidence that God is real in your life. You’re giving yourself a tool to fight against the doubt that the enemy’s constantly going to try to lodge in your heart. You’re also giving yourself a reference you can use to connect with other people in their trials and struggles, so that you can point them back to God. That way, you’re not just taking the journey but also showing others the way.

Ready to get rolling? Start your engine, and get ready for the ride of your life!

Yours for the journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel C. Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Joel C. Hunter

Date: June 16

Mile 1: The Quest for the True God

A.W. Tozer, in *The Knowledge of the Holy*, wrote, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” Who is God to you? Consider today how your view of God—His traits and your expectations—compare to the true and living God found in Scriptures.

What God Taught Me Today:

It seems as though I have a lot to learn about
Who God is... and what that means for my life!

Where God Took Me Today:

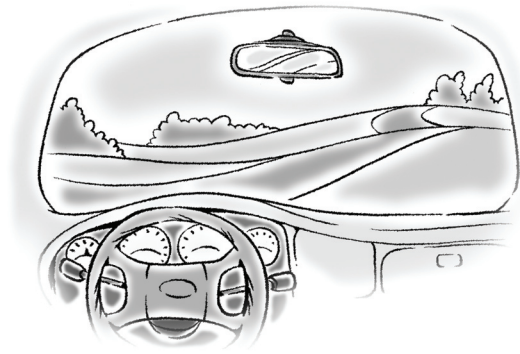
Through my usual routine - work, gym, out to
dinner with friends..

How God Used Me Today:

I got to pray with a friend about what she's struggling
with and I got to encourage my co-workers regarding
the charity project we're all working on.

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For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. —1 Corinthians 13:12



EXIT I: *HIGHER WAY*

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Mile 2: Approaching the Light

When viewed in the light, is there anything in your life that qualifies as a hindrance to your relationships and spiritual growth? How can you distance yourself from that sin today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. —John 3:20

Date: _____

Mile 3: The Cross: Barrier or Gateway

Consider the substitutionary view, the Christus Victor view, and the Christ as our example view of atonement as you reflect on what Christ has done for you. How might having a more accurate understanding of the cross of Christ improve your relationship with God and others today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. —Hebrews 2:14-15

Date: _____

Mile 4: A Spirited Journey

Is there something other than the Holy Spirit occupying space in your heart and mind lately? What steps can you take today to crowd it out with the Holy Spirit?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. —2 Corinthians 5:17

Date: _____

Mile 5: Sharing the Road

Take a mental inventory of the people God has put in your life. Is there anyone whose purpose you've been underestimating? Anyone whose talents you've been taking for granted? How can 1 Corinthians 12 alter how you perceive the people with whom you come in contact?

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Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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A body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it. —1 Corinthians 12:15-18 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 6: Warning! Danger Ahead

How does knowing that God has a “leash” on Satan change how you view the current difficult circumstances in your life?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. —John 10:27-29

Date: _____

Mile 7: Your Safety Equipment

Are you ready for battle—fully suited up in the armor of God—or is there a piece of equipment you have yet to put on? Are you using the armor of God as it was intended to be used?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 8: Guardrails

What “guardrails” might you want to establish to help you pass by areas of temptation or addiction in your life?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it. —1 Corinthians 10:13 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 9: Your Compass

Are you trusting in anything or anyone other than God today? True faith revolutionizes our lives. In which parts of your life have you left faith out of the equation lately? What do you need to entrust to God today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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*You've taken my hand. You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me. You're all I want in heaven!
You're all I want on earth! —Psalm 73:23-25 (The Message)*

Date: _____

Mile 10: Checking the Directions

Do you see evidence of upward, outward, and inward dimensions to your current spiritual journey? What can you do today to more fully engage every aspect of your journey?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. —Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)

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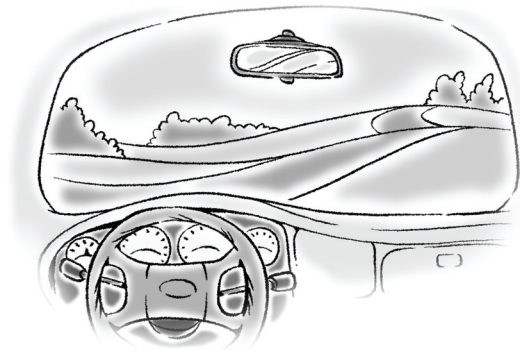
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Where God Is Taking Me:

How God Is Using Me:



EXIT 2:

PURPOSE DRIVE

Date: _____

Mile II: The Path to Purpose

Have you discovered your purpose in life? For *whom* or *what* would you say your actions and words indicate you're living?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. —Matthew 10:39 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 12: Powered by Purpose, Part I

You can leave a much more significant mark on the world when you believe God has created you to do so. Are you motivated by God’s ability (and desire) to use your life to glorify Him? How might you be able to “leave your mark” on the timeline of eternity today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. —Psalm 8:3-5 (NLT)

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. —Colossians 3:23

Date: _____

Mile 13: Powered by Purpose, Part 2

Where might God’s prevailing purposes in establishing limits, promoting learning, and initiating love intersect with your current circumstances in life?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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God commanded the Man, “You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don’t eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you’re dead.” —Genesis 2:17 (The Message)

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’” This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. —Genesis 2:22-24 (NLT)

Above all and before all, do this: Get Wisdom! Write this at the top of your list: Get Understanding! Throw your arms around her—believe me, you won’t regret it; never let her go—she’ll make your life glorious. —Proverbs 4:7-8 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 14: Purpose Lost

The Fall significantly altered how we perceive our purpose in life. Where do you see the effects of the Fall still affecting you today? How has God's grace helped you reclaim purpose and meaning despite Satan's handiwork in the garden?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. —Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 15: Purpose Found

Grace is often defined as unmerited favor—something we cannot earn and something wholly undeserved. Do you feel transformed by the grace present in God’s redemptive work through Christ? In which ways?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. —Romans 5:18-19 (NLT)

Date: _____

Mile 16: Purpose Perfected, Part I

God has a purpose for your life, and He's invested in your potential. Consider your present career, relationships, or even geographical location. Are there areas in which you could be a catalyst of improvement today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others. —1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NLT)

Date: _____

Mile 17: Purpose Perfected, Part 2

It's an inspiring truth that we get to "leave a mark" on the timeline of eternity during our time on Earth. How are you actively pursuing God's purposes for your life? Could you be doing something more or anything differently to genuinely love God and others well while "in exile"?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." —Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

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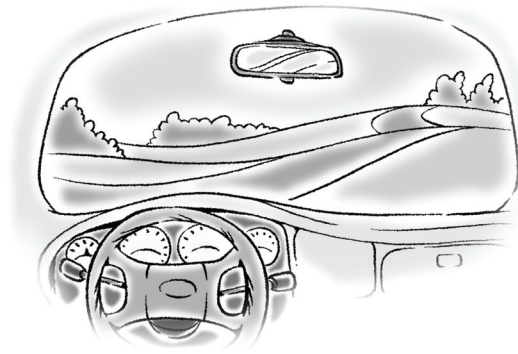
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EXIT 3:

BEATEN PATH

Date: _____

Mile 18: Road Hazards

Think back on Satan's past attempts to thwart your progress on your spiritual journey. Taking the wisdom gleaned from past experience and today's reading, how can you guard against Satan's next potential stage-of-life attack?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." —Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 19: Road Weary?

Considering that we spend so much of our lives working, it only makes sense that Satan would try to hijack our efforts using the careers to which God has called us. How can altering your attitude about the perceived adversity in/at work help you to become a better steward in the place God's placed you today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. —Galatians 6:9

Date: _____

Mile 20: Speed Limits

Are you nibbling on any particular “tuft” of grass lately—tempted into slowly wandering away from the peace and security found in the Shepherd’s presence? How does the promise in 1 Corinthians 10:13 help you face temptation today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. —James 1:13-15 (NIV)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. —Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 21: Driver's Ed., Part I

Which various forms of technology impact your daily life? Today's "virtual" world of easy networking and instant gratification is actually leaving gaping holes in relationships. How can you combat the pull of the superficial and immediate and move toward a deeper relationship with God and others?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

—Romans 12:2 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 22: Driver's Ed., Part 2

God desires to use people to plant the seeds of his kingdom and cultivate growth. That's a powerful image. Who helped plant the seeds in your life? Are you planting seeds for the kingdom in a way that truly honors God and displays love for others?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: "No servant is greater than his master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. —John 15:18-21 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 23: Your Travel Companions

The attack being waged by Satan on the family demands a strategy. What practices of faithfulness and discipline are you willing to practice regularly to guard your family against damage and destruction?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. —1 John 3:1

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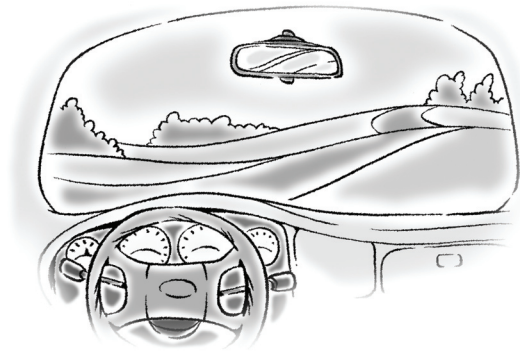
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EXIT 4:

LOVE'S WAY

Date: _____

Mile 24: Driven to Love

Consider the important relationships in your life. How do those relationships bring you closer to God on a regular basis? What do they teach you about Him?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know him if you don't love. —1 John 4:7-8 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 25: Detoured, Part I

Eve and Adam ignored God and yielded to Satan. Where do you see the consequences of their actions affecting your life and relationships today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope. —Romans 8:20 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 26: Detoured, Part 2

Do you sense God’s love extended through the generations? Are you living the kind of life that will create a legacy like Seth’s—descendants who instinctually “call upon the name of the Lord?”

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Where God Took Me Today:

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Date: _____

Mile 27: Paying the Toll

In what ways has God's sacrificing and conquering love entered your life and placed you on a new road? Do the choices you make on a day-to-day basis honor Christ's sacrifice for you?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. —Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

Date: _____

Mile 28: End of the Road

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds ... encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” Beginning today, how can you be more encouraging and loving to those God’s placed in your spheres of influence?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” —Revelation 21:2-4 (NIV)

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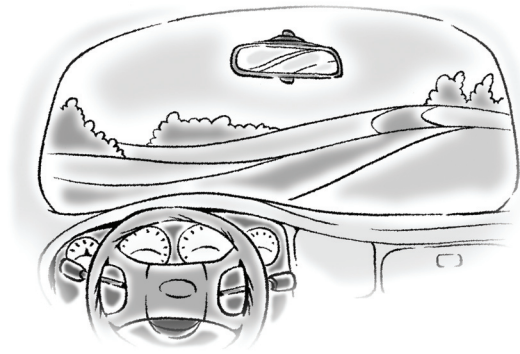
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FAITH LANE

Date: _____

Mile 29: Heavy Mettle

The roller coaster of life often tests our faith. When it tests yours, do you respond like Abraham did—with a steady conviction in God’s goodness and sovereignty? With which circumstances do you need to wholeheartedly trust God today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. —Hebrews 11:1, 6

Date: _____

Mile 30: Looking Ahead

How does understanding that “need is simply not a prerequisite for blessing” give you clarity about ways you could potentially bless others on this side of heaven?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

—Revelation 21:23-24 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 31: Bridging Heaven and Earth

How does growing to realize that the world doesn't revolve around you change how you view your place and purpose in this world?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing.

—Philippians 2:14-16 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 32: Facing Roadblocks, Part I

Hindsight teaches us a lot about God's provision and work in our lives. How might your past experience with roadblocks help you more readily put your faith in God to help you push through the trials you're experiencing right now?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. —2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 33: Facing Roadblocks, Part 2

Time and time again, hindsight proves God's promises to move mightily through our faith. Practically speaking, how can knowing that God's promises also apply to the unknowns of our future help you take confident steps toward changing the world?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. —James 1:2-4

Date: _____

Mile 34: Where the Rubber Meets the Road

Is your faith about anything other than Jesus Christ and Him crucified out of love for the world? What does your life say about your faith to those with whom you're in relationship?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. —1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Date: _____

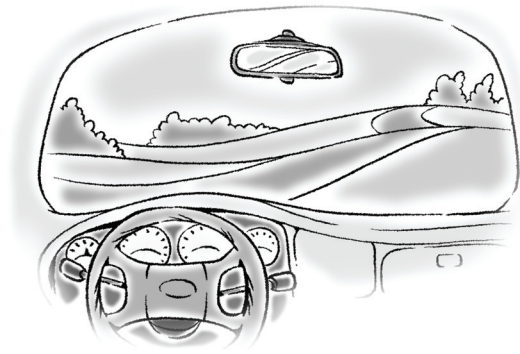
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Where God Is Taking Me:

How God Is Using Me:



EXIT 6:

REVELATION ROAD

Date: _____

Mile 35: Blind Spots

Can you recall a time when you felt alone in a situation, but looking back you can see that God was present all the while? Is there something gripping you so much now that you have forgotten He is in the midst of it with you?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? —Romans 8:31

Date: _____

Mile 36: Site Seeing

God's existence surrounds us; it radiates from every aspect of creation. Still, it's often too easy to get distracted and miss the breadth of His presence. Where are you most likely to see God in the scenery of life? Consider spending time there today.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things. —Acts 17:24-25

Date: _____

Mile 37: A Road of Relationships

Among the various ways God relates to us— through the law, relationships, leaders, and by miracles—where have you seen His presence making a difference in your faith recently?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul. —Joshua 22:5 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 38: Wrong Way! Part I

An abundant life in Christ demands a holistic approach. What areas of your life (relationships, finances, skills, hopes, education, work, etc.) might you have set apart from your relationship with God?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

—Romans 1:18-20

Date: _____

Mile 39: Wrong Way! Part 2

The irony of self-deception is that we don't recognize it, so we don't often think to pray against it. Spend a moment asking God to reveal where you've lost sight of Him. Do you feel driven by a hope "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever"?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people. —2 Timothy 3:1-5 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 40: Breakdown

The thought of worshiping at the feet of a golden calf may seem silly ... but what do you turn to when God seems absent?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

[Jesus said:] "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage." —Matthew 5:13 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 41: Cross Roads, Part I

Think back on your moment of salvation and God’s redemptive work as it pertains to you. Have you fully grasped what it means to be “born again”? If you have yet to commit your life to Christ, I encourage you, I invite you, to tell Him today that you want to do life forever with Him.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

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And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

—1 Corinthians 2:1-2

Date: _____

Mile 42: Cross Roads, Part 2

Read James 1:2-4. The process of sanctification relies occasionally on moments in which we must persevere through trial and confusion. How does 2 Corinthians 4:17 help you stay hopeful today in light of eternity?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. —1 John 3:2-3

Date: _____

Mile 43: Low Fuel?

Examine who you are expressing love toward and how you are doing it. Where do you see room for improvement? Who can you love better in practical ways today? In which new way could you extend a hand of service and acceptance?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. —1 John 4:10-12

Date: _____

Mile 44: Service Stations

How have you seen God work through various forms of education, art, and leadership within your local church community?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encore to the end of time. Oh, yes! —1 Peter 4:7-11 (The Message)

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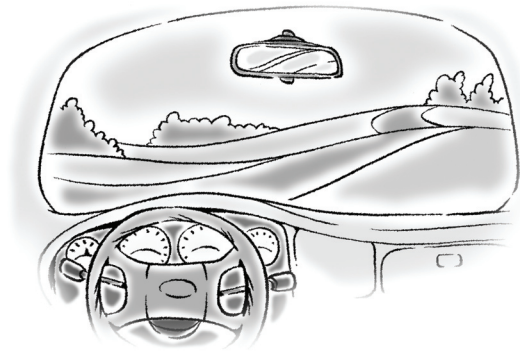
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EXIT 7: *RIGHT TRACK*

Date: _____

Mile 45: Positive Traction

“Holiness is out of the ordinary.” Where do you see God’s sanctifying work in your life setting you apart from the world for His purposes? Is your relationship with God the driving force in your sanctification, or are you trying to obtain holiness by other means?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. —Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 46: On Solid Ground

What knowledge gained throughout your life has proved to be most valuable? Read John 17:3. If, through Christ, we are blessed with eternal life, and the reality of eternal life is knowing God, how can you more abundantly experience eternal life today?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ. —Philippians 3:7-8 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 47: Tuning Him In, Part I

Praying is the key to holiness and truly knowing God. Consider your prayer life; what do you expect from God when you pray? How do you pray? How often? What more can you do to ensure that your life is lived as a heartfelt prayer to Him?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

Date: _____

Mile 48: Tuning Him In, Part 2

Both fasting and praying expectantly are actions that require us to trust God. What would truly living as though your prayers will be answered look like in your life? Consider fasting from striving, from habits, from certain types of substances, or from impulsive emotions as you seek to move forward on the path to holiness.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you." —Mark 11:22-24

Date: _____

Mile 49: Boundaries, Part I

Do you have a clear concept of God's boundaries for you? How might staying within those boundaries help you fulfill God's purposes for you not only in your immediate future, but in the scope of eternity, as well?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil. —Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)

Date: _____

Mile 50: Boundaries, Part 2

Are there any areas in your life where you're tempted to overstep God's established boundaries? Let the promise in 1 Corinthians 10:13 help you in fulfilling His hopes for your life.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. ... He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

—1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 51: Communication Pathway

The Lord's Prayer gives us the components that our prayers should contain. Reexamine Matthew 6 and personalize the prayer for where you are at this time in your life.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

[Jesus said:] "And when you come before God, don't turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat? Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace. The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply." —Matthew 6:5-13 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 52: The Road to (True) Riches

What specific steps can you take this week to better live out the three “driving skills” (steering money, steering yourself, and steering relationships) and discover the true treasures of God?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. —1 Timothy 6:10

Date: _____

Mile 53: What's Under the Hood?

After reading through the beatitudes in Matthew 5, in what ways is your understanding of what it means to be “blessed” as a child of God altered?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. —Matthew 20:26-28

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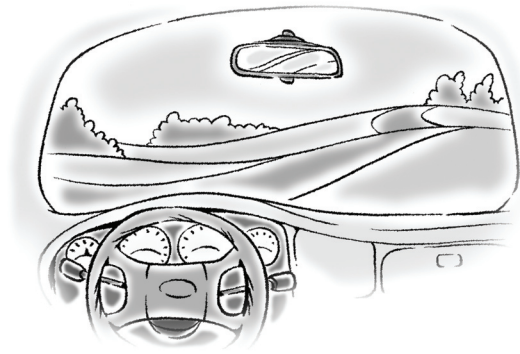
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EXIT 8:

SALT AND LIGHT TRAIL

Date: _____

Mile 54: Lighting the Road

Do your daily actions and words shed light on not only your devotion to Christ, but also His work in the world? What is a practical step you can take today to shine brighter?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." —John 8:12

Date: _____

Mile 55: Your Spiritual Wiring, Part I

If your “neighbor” is anyone you come in contact with, mentally tally those you may have passed by this week. Pray for an opportunity to minister to those *near* you today. What’s one thing you can do this week to reach out to those who *live near* you?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

Jesus ... said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands? ... Go and do the same.” —Luke 10:30-37

Date: _____

Mile 56: Your Spiritual Wiring, Part 2

Have you ever complained about a certain weakness you believe is present in the church? What does this tell you about your spiritual gifts?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 57: Giving Directions

What's your story? Using your own words and Scripture, how would you tell someone about your salvation? Do you have a "lost" friend who may need to hear those words?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? ... The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to. —Romans 10:14-15, 17 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 58: Driving the Family, Part I

How are you doing when it comes to “meeting the demands” of your family relationships?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.” —Ruth 1:16

Date: _____

Mile 59: Driving the Family, Part 2

What lessons have you learned from past relationships (the good and the bad) about yourself, life, and God that you should seek to pass on to the next generation?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

—Hebrews 12:1

Date: _____

Mile 60: Revving Up Your Relationships

Who are your believing friends? Your non-Christian friends? Your acquaintances? Your enemies? Do good to each by praying for them individually today.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?" And hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." —Mark 2:16-17

Date: _____

Mile 61: Body Work

When is the last time you took a Sabbath? Laughed? Just “showed up” to see how God might use you in ministry? What can you do to ensure you’re using the body God’s given you for spiritual good?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. —Proverbs 17:22

Date: _____

Mile 62: Floor It!, Part I

Consider your spiritual and social comfort zones. If God is not limited by our limitations—those we imagine or those we construct—in which ways could He stretch you to impact others?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. —Daniel 12:3

Date: _____

Mile 63: Floor It!, Part 2

How does the knowledge that you are “not the savior” influence the way in which you interact with those who need the Savior?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

[Jesus said:] “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” —Luke 16:10-13 (NLT)

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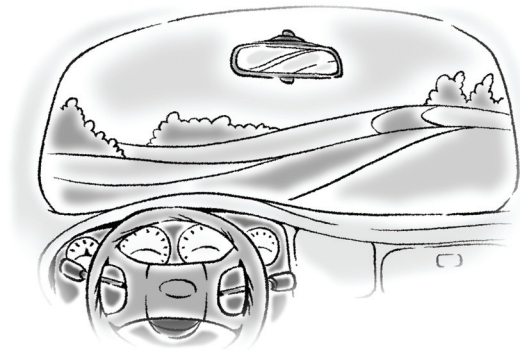
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EXIT 9: *WORSHIP WAY*

Date: _____

Mile 64: Meet the Maker

Prayerfully consider the question, “Who am I, and what have I been given to do?” Are you willing to believe God has plans for your life beyond your limited understanding?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. —Romans 8:24-25 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 65: Taking the Lead

God is ... faithful, protecting, just, and merciful. Where do you see these traits of God working in your life and in the lives of those around you?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him. —Romans 5:8 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 66: Full Coverage, Part I

The names of God mentioned in this Mile — Jehovah Sabbaoth and Jehovah Jireh — find their foundation in God’s immense power. Call God by these names in prayer this week as you reflect on the potential present in His power.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: *God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)*

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands. —1 Samuel 17:47 (NIV)

Date: _____

Mile 67: Fully Coverage, Part 2

Consider the four misconceptions about healing. Keep them in mind as you pray for and support those you know in need of healing.

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

God, our God, will take care of the hidden things but the revealed things are our business. It's up to us and our children to attend to all the terms in this Revelation. —Deuteronomy 29:29 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 68: Service Road

Purpose to pay attention to the lives of the people God's placed around you this week. What does this intentional observance teach you about how you can best serve each person right where they're at?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

GPS: God-Positioning Scriptures (to Reorient Your Life)

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then? —Galatians 5:13-15 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 69: Guiding the Way

How do you see God acting as Shepherd, Overseer, and High Priest in your current place in life? Take time to commit the following verse to memory. You will be glad you did.

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. —I Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

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“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

—Hebrews 4:14-16

Date: _____

Mile 70: A Spirit-ed Journey

God is more concerned with our reaching our potential than we are. He truly can bring something out of nothing. Confident in those truths, what step can you take today toward becoming what/who He's called you to be?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. —John 16:7-8

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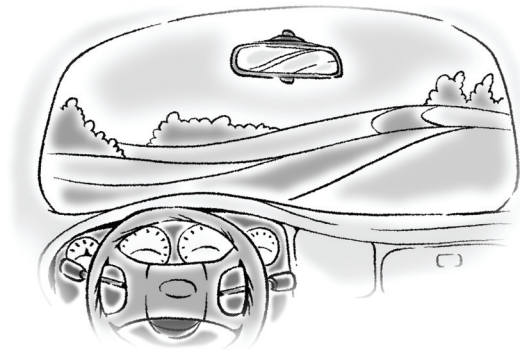
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EXIT 10:

ETERNAL AVENUE

Date: _____

Mile 71: Out of Sight

Meditate upon the relationship that you have with Jesus Christ. What changes have been made in your life since you accepted Him as your Savior?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. —John 15:11-15 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 72: Distracted Driving

What's one thing you could change about your daily routine to glorify God more?

What God Taught Me Today:

Where God Took Me Today:

How God Used Me Today:

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The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps. —Proverbs 16:9

Date: _____

Mile 73: Seeing Signs

Think of those you know who have been sick and in need of the connection to eternity through prayer and through healing. Have you prayed for them? Have you become closer to the individual that you prayed for?

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Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, but He will save you." Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. —Isaiah 35:3-5

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Mile 74: Stormy Weather

Have you ever prayed a prayer similar to any of the five listed in this Mile? How did God respond? Lean on God in prayer today and expect Him to answer.

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Mile 75: Fender Benders

Where can you see that God’s “pruning” in your life has had a purpose? How do those examples help you trust God as He prunes you today?

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Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” —John 9:39 (NIV)

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Mile 76: Start to Finish

Do your actions and words draw others toward Jesus? Will you be pleased with the legacy you're leaving with your friends and family?

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To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. —1 Peter 2:21 (NIV)

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Mile 77: Giving Others a Lift

How might you be able to improve your prayer life so that you can improve your relationships with others? Take a moment today to encourage someone today with whom you would not normally talk.

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[Jesus said:] "Here's what I'm saying: Ask and you'll get; Seek and you'll find; Knock and the door will open. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in." —Luke 11:9-10 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 78: Headed for Betrayal

When has leaning on God's grace allowed you to fail forward? How did it feel?

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He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

—Titus 3:5-7 (ESV)

Date: _____

Mile 79: No Accidents!

What does it mean to your faith to believe that nothing in life happens by accident? Where do you need to employ a confidence in the transforming power of God?

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It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! —Romans 8:11 (The Message)

Date: _____

Mile 80: Follow Me

Contemplate the journey you're on. Are you taking the High Way? Whom are you following? And who's joining you? Invite someone to join you on the road to spiritual maturity.

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Then the Angel showed me Water-of-Life River, crystal bright. It flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb, right down the middle of the street. ... Never again will there be any night. No one will need lamp-light or sunlight. The shining of God, the Master, is all the light anyone needs. And they will rule with him age after age after age ... Oh, Yes! —Revelation 22:1-5, 21 (The Message)

Date: _____

Scenic Overlook: The Big Picture

To get where you're going, you have to know where you are. Now would be a good time to pause and think about the big picture of God's involvement in your life. You can use this space to write down patterns you see in ...

What God Is Teaching Me:

Where God Is Taking Me:

How God Is Using Me:

Are we there yet?

How many times on a trip have you heard that phrase ... or thought it yourself?

All of us are on a journey through life—not just physically, but spiritually. It’s a potentially beautiful journey—with opportunity, excitement and purpose around every turn. Yet, too often we become sidetracked by the monotony of daily routines, busy weeks, or wounds that slow us down. Confused or growing complacent on our journey, we start to wonder whether we’re making any progress at all on the road to spiritual maturity ...

Tired of living within the confines of a “predictable” religion? Ready to tap the brake and take your life off “cruise-control?” Primed to start living more alive than you ever dreamed possible? Then start writing! Take eighty days to read *Inner State 80*, using this companion piece to journal what you’re learning and experiencing. You’ll discover a new sense of God’s presence—a greater awareness and appreciation for how He is working in you, around you, and through you.

Whether your life is on course, in the ditch, or stalled out ... get ready for the ride of your life!



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