

Being with Jesus:

A Devotional From the Book of Mark

Scripture

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” — Psalm 32:8

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” — Isaiah 30:21

“Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.” — Psalm 25:8-9

“The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.” — Psalm 37:23-24

Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your guidance. Help me to trust that You do show me the way I should go. Help me to look to You in humility. Thank You for Your direction and for upholding me when I stumble. Amen.

Reflection

Much of the fear we experience in life comes over the decisions we are trying to make. We wonder which path, relationship, or career we should take. This is especially difficult when the decisions will change the course of our lives! Faith brings a strong weapon against the paralyzing fear of failure. We can depend on God for guidance.

In the first two verses above, God is saying to His people that He will guide them. He looks on them with loving eyes. He will direct them in the way that they should go. These are incredibly comforting thoughts! We can turn to the loving, all-knowing God for help.

The second two verses bring a another comforting thought. Sometimes we may think, “Yeah, God will guide some people, but not me. I’ve messed up too much. He won’t help me.” Psalm 25 speaks to this saying, “He instructs *sinners* in his ways... he guides the *humble* in what is right.” If we humble ourselves before God, He will guide us. Psalm 37 also affirms this. If we delight in God and try to follow Him, though we stumble some times, we will not fall because the Lord upholds us with His hand.

Questions

Do you freeze up when you are trying to make hard decisions?

Do you humble yourself and look to God for guidance?

Do you believe that God will give you wisdom if you ask for it (see James 1:5)?