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Next Steps

God speaks to us in various ways, but He reveals to us only what we need to know. Do you know the most important question any leader can answer? It's the question of next: What's the next thing I need to do? Sometimes people get bogged down trying to determine what they're going to do in a year, five years, or ten years without knowing that next step they need to take.

Have you noticed that God rarely reveals the entire blueprint of our lives ahead of time? Perhaps He knows that if we knew what was going to happen to us in the future, we would be paralyzed with fear. But perhaps another reason God doesn't tell us the whole plan ahead of time is that if we knew His whole plan, we wouldn't be nearly as dependent on Him. When we can see only the next step we're going to take, it makes us more dependent on God. It forces us to develop our relationship with Him.

In Psalm 119:105, the psalmist said, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Have you ever been out in the woods on a moonless night? It's difficult to see. Hopefully, you have a flashlight or a lantern that governs your steps. It isn't powerful enough to illuminate the next two or three miles, but it gives you just enough light to take the next step. That's what the psalmist said God's Word is like. His voice doesn't illuminate the rest of your life; it gives you the light you need to take the next step.

I can't tell you what God's will is for your life twenty, thirty, or forty years from now. But remember what Jesus said in John 10:27: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

Never forget you have a God who is concerned with every step you take. He promises to give you the guidance you need, and He can be heard by those who truly belong to Him.

PSALMS 119:105

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

PRAYER

Lord, "I trust in you, with all my heart. Help me not to lean on my own understanding but to acknowledge You in everything. Make my path straight. Help me not to be wise in my own eyes but to hear Your voice telling me, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen.