

## Rerouting and Detouring

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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God has a divine design of rerouting and detouring our lives through GPS or God Positioning Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself taught the apostles to wait for the Counselor to guide them in their tasks (Jn. 14:25-26). God knows we need the Holy Spirit to accompany us in our personal journey with Him (Gal. 5:16), and our total surrender will lead to fulfillment of His perfect plan for us.

God's reroutes and detours are perfect, and all are well provided for. Consider these events in the Bible:

### 1. The calling of the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-9)

1.1. The shepherds' regular tasks were disrupted upon the announcement by the angels of the birth of the Messiah. The shepherds' prompt obedience led them to see the glory of God in the manger.

1.2. Sometimes, reroutes and detours in life are God's doing and not ours; we must trust in His divine plan and obey His instructions.

### 2. The Maggi (Mt 2:1-12).

2.1. The Maggi followed the star to see the true king of the Jews, and rerouted away from Herod, as instructed in a dream, after they paid homage to the infant Jesus.

2.2. Finding Jesus in our life requires a change in direction, and God wants us to walk continuously with the Holy Spirit as our guide.

### 3. The flight to Egypt (Mt 2:13-15).

3.1. Joseph led his family out to Egypt by a dream to protect Jesus from Herod's wrath; upon their return to Judea, they were rerouted to Nazareth as revealed in a dream.

3.2. Sometimes God's plan for us is revealed partially; but God requires us to obey Him, surpassing all temptations, and trusting all His directions.

### 4. The Journey of Barnabas & Paul (Acts 13)

4.1. Their planned route was met with a confrontation with a magician, that eventually led to the conversion of a Roman proconsul.

4.2. The journey may take long, but God appoints us to do something for Him; we must listen to opportunities where we can share His word.

### 5. The Israelites & Moses (Num. 11)

5.1. The desert wanderings of Israel led them to complain against Moses and God. God deals with those who complain a lot; He wants us to trust in His perfect timing. The lack of trust in GPS, can lead to delays in God's plan.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (Prov. 3:3-5). Though we might feel that we are not living as we intend to, by surrendering to the Holy Spirit, we will discover God's ultimate plan for us.

### Reflection:

0. What is your position right now in relation to God's plan for you?
1. Why do you think you must submit all our plans to God?

God's divine design for us is perfect. Our life, our plans and our itineraries are in His hands; all will be well. Everything works for good of those who love Him (Rom 8:28).

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