

25 Days of Going Deeper – Week 4: Signposts (Psalm 25:4)

May 19: Monday- Signposts Begin with the Heart

Psalm 25:4 *"Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow."; Psalm 25:9; He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them His way."*

Reflection:

When we think of signposts, we often imagine road signs—clear markers guiding us in the right direction. Spiritually, signposts are moments or insights through which God reveals His presence and purposes to us. They may come through Scripture, during times of prayer, within conversations with people or other believers, or be expressed as an internal prompting from His Spirit or a surprising turn of events all orchestrated by God. These signpost moments are not just about direction, they are about God's daily presence with us and His revelations to us. God doesn't simply want to show us the way; He wants to reveal Himself along the way.

Psalm 25:9 tells us that God *"leads the humble in doing right, teaching them His way."* A humble heart is like open soil, ready to receive God's presence and signposts- His seeds of wisdom, His guidance, and His transforming power in the life of believers. Embracing humility of the heart involves surrendering our self-reliance, reverently seeking God, giving Him the reins of our lives, and allowing His Spirit to direct our steps. One of the most beautiful examples of a humble heart receiving a divine signpost is Mary, the mother of Jesus. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her with the amazing news that she would bear the Son of God, her response was not one of resistance or fear, but of trust and surrender. *"I am the Lord's servant,"* she said and *"May everything you have said about me come true"* (Luke 1:38). Mary didn't fully understand the road ahead, yet her posture was one of humility and her heart was open and yielded to God. Because her heart was humble and willing, God entrusted her with a signpost that not only shaped her own journey but also became part of His greater plan to bring hope and redemption to the world.

Challenge and Next Steps: This week, begin each day by asking God to show you the signposts He's placing in your path. Reflect on where God may be gently guiding or revealing something to you. Even when the road ahead may seem unclear, like Mary, practice saying, *"I am the Lord's servant."*

Prayer: Lord, help me to be still and humble before You. Show me the signposts You are placing in my life and give me the heart to receive them. In Jesus' name Amen.

Worship Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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May 20: Tuesday- Signposts of His Goodness

Psalm 27:13 (NLT) – *“Yet I am confident I will see the Lord’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living.”* **Romans 15:13 (NLT)** – *“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him.”*

Reflection:

Sometimes the clearest signposts of God's guidance are wrapped in the ordinary moments of our lives and become evident in the quietness of the early morning hours. This morning, I woke up at 5:30 a.m. in the warmth of our home, a shelter from the spring mix of rain and snow, and a quiet reminder of His faithful provision. Soon after, I sat with my coffee at an empty Tim Hortons before sunrise and was welcomed by the warm smile of a person who seemed to take joy in simply serving. These blessings were not random but gentle reminders of God’s presence and goodness. His presence surrounds us, even in the hush and stillness of the early morning hours.

As I took time to reflect, without the busyness and noise of morning routines, I became more conscious of God’s presence surrounding me. *God is alive, He is right here beside me, present in the details of this day.* In these signposts of His goodness, I realized something deeply comforting about His presence. Though not audible, the Lord spoke to my heart, “I am here, my child. Rest in Me.” As Psalm 62:5-6 asserts: *“Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him... He alone is my rock and my salvation...”* In small provisions, in the smiles of others, I find the loving nearness of the Lord. God’s presence renews my hope and fills my heart with quiet joy. I pray today that my heart will stay thankful, and that this gratitude will shape my interactions with others, calming any unsettled emotions and releasing anxiety. I want to reflect the goodness of God through my attitude, words, and posture toward others.

Challenge and Next Steps: Today, take a moment to name one simple blessing that reminds you of God’s goodness. Write it down or speak it aloud. Find one way to pass on God’s goodness to others by offering a kind word, a patient response, or a small act of caring. Let your life be a signpost that points others to the presence and peace of God.

Prayer: God, thank You for showing me Your goodness in the quietness of my day. You are near me, and You are my hope. Shape my heart with gratitude and let me shine for You today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Worship Song “Goodness of God”

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May 21: Wednesday- Signposts of His Mission

Acts 8:29 *“The Holy Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and walk along beside the carriage.’*
John 10:27 (NLT) *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*

Reflection:

Every day, signposts of mission are quietly placed along our path. People come in and out of our routines- clerks in stores, neighbours, coworkers, among others. As we are often thoroughly absorbed in the activities, priorities, and schedules of the day, we may barely notice the individuals present within the space in which we find ourselves. It's in these moments that something is often stirred within us- a prompting to smile, to acknowledge the presence of others, or perhaps even to make an intentional effort to reach out. This stirring is often God's Spirit prompting us to be cognisant of others and His ongoing work around us. Kingdom mission does not always begin with a dynamic or audible calling, but a moving of our heart by His Spirit to be present and responsive to the needs of others in a given moment. As Jesus says in John 10:27, *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*

Many people carry silent burdens, but within themselves they are reaching out to God even though who they do not know Him personally. We are placed nearby not by chance but by divine purpose. Philip, who was engaged in ministry to great crowds of people, was redirected by the Holy Spirit to a desert road where encountered a man reading Isaiah, one seeking the truth about God but needing someone to guide him. The Holy Spirit said, *“Go over and walk along beside the carriage” (Acts 8:29, NLT)*. Philip immediately obeyed the prompting of the Holy Spirit and began explaining the passage of Scripture that the man was reading. He explained to the man the Good News about Jesus and that very day this man's life was changed, and he was baptized.

Challenge and next Steps: Today, ask the Lord to make you spiritually aware of His signposts of mission. Reflect on who God has placed along your path and how He is stirring your heart. Perhaps a kind word, a greeting or question might be the beginning of someone's journey towards hope and knowing the presence of the Lord.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, thank You for the quiet ways in which You guide me. Help me to be aware of Your voice today and to be ready to respond. Make me a signpost who points someone else to Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Worship song: “Spirit Lead Me”

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May 22: Thursday- Signposts of His Grace

Joel 2:13 (NLT): *“Return to the Lord your God, for He is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish.”*

Reflection:

There are times in our lives when we stray from God’s plan for us, when we ignore the voice of the Lord, taking our own path and ultimately feeling unworthy in every way because of our failures. And yet, in those moments of brokenness and wandering, God meets us with *signposts of His Grace*, not condemning us but calling us back to Himself. Moses knew what it was to get off track with God and to go his own way. He had been chosen by God for a special task to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, but in a given moment he had acted in anger, fled in fear, and ended up in the wilderness, seemingly sidelined from God's plan for him. However, God wasn't finished with Moses and during an ordinary day in the desert a burning bush appeared. It was far more than just a miraculous event or spectacle, It was a *signpost of Grace*, a divine interruption calling him back into God's purpose. The same man who had run in failure would next move forward in grace and lead a nation to freedom.

Grace is not only about forgiveness but the beginning of renewed purpose. King David knew failure deeply because of his own choices and sin, and yet when he returned to the Lord with a broken spirit, and God restored him. I remember a moment when I came to my parents broken and unsure of how they would receive me. Instead of passing judgment, they hugged, welcomed, and embraced me just like the loving father in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:20). I often pray for my children and grandchildren that they would experience the lifechanging signposts of God’s Grace. Perhaps, as parents or older adults we will be called to be signposts of His Grace to younger ones placed in our care.

Challenge and Next Steps: What signposts of Grace has God placed in your life? How has He used others to remind you of His love? Such moments are the Lord’s gifts of redemption to us. Let them shape our willingness to be signposts of grace for others.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for meeting me with grace and calling me back when I stray from You. Help me to walk in Your ways and become a signpost of Grace to others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Worship song: “Gracefully Broken”

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May 23: Friday- Signposts of Obedience

Acts 9:6 (NLT):

“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Reflection:

Some signposts go beyond reminders of God’s goodness, grace or mission; they actually disrupt our current life directions. They not only grip our attention, but they call for an immediate change or shift in priorities or to the goals to which we are committed. At times, we may be fixed on a plan that we feel is right, purposeful and the only way to go and yet we may be way off course in light of God’s plan. In such circumstances, God may intervene not always gently, but in a decisive manner. A signpost of obedience can halt us in our tracks with unmistakable clarity. In Acts 9 Saul, later known as Paul, was convinced he was doing the right thing. He was on a mission to destroy the church, filled with zeal but completely off the mark. On the road to Damascus, God’s light from heaven flashed, interrupting his journey and knocking him to the ground. Shaken and blinded, he heard a voice saying, *“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”* Saul asked, *“Who are you, Lord?”* And the voice replied, *“I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting”* (Acts 9:4–5, NLT). That moment changed everything for Saul. The man who had been fighting against Christ now came face to face with Him. There was no way to resist, hide, or run away from Jesus. The only option for Saul was to surrender and obey. God not only interrupts our lives with signposts of obedience, but He continues to walk with us, strengthen us, and provide everything we need to keep in step with His Spirit. He sends people to minister to us, like Ananias did for Paul, those who support and walk alongside us. Our response to obey and follow Jesus is the beginning of a Spirit-led adventure with God.

Challenge and Next Steps: Sometimes obedience to God’s plan starts with a disruption, a call out of something harmful, misdirected, or misaligned with God’s purposes. *Is there something God is calling us out of or into today?* How will we respond? Will we resist or follow Jesus’ words? Obedience may require changing priorities, letting go of future plans, and surrendering completely to Him.

Prayer:

Lord, when You interrupt my plans, give me the courage to follow Your voice. Help me walk in humble obedience, trusting that Your way is best. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Worship: “I Will Follow”