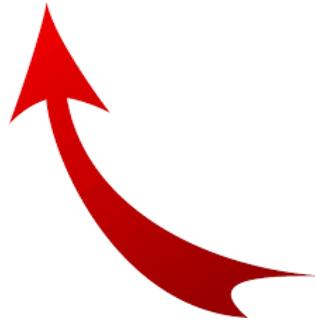


Unexpected Turn



*“ His word is a lamp for your foot and light on your path
(Psalm 119:105).*

I had it all planned out, only nothing went as I planned! This unexpected turn of events changed the entire plan! I found myself traveling on a completely different path because the path I planned to use was closed to me. I was now on what seemed to be a longer, less direct path to get where I wanted to go.

I wasn't really expecting Him to speak me because I was busy rambling about the unexpected turn. Do you see where this going? Have you ever felt like the unexpected turn messed you up? Like you were forced to change your plans or go different away because of an event or something forced things to change?

As I pondered my turn of events and where it could be taking me— it hit me— the unexpected turn wasn't really an expected turn! Do you see this? This is not just about me, this is for you too! Change is coming (or it's already here) to your path through an unexpected turn! Your direction is going to be different from what you thought. Which the word “direction” is not used as much in the Bible as much as it is referred to as paths. Just saying....

Be ready— -change is coming! The unexpected turn is coming or you are already there. Be encouraged- don't fret about the unexpected turn of direction. For the God of direction is with you. He is leading you through this. The events that brought or are bringing the unexpected turn is just a tool to bring the change He desires. It is not man bringing change, it is God bringing the change to your path. “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” Proverbs 3:6. Doesn't say anything about an unexpected turn...

You are not directionless. You are not at the mercy of others or events happening in your life. You are under His care, you are under His direction (His paths). You are under His guidance. You are under His divine direction for your path! He is instructing you and teaching you as you walk along.

This unexpected turn (change) is by Him and the change is needed (gulp). God's path always has you taking the right turn, at the right time even if it looks like an unexpected turn. "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths" (Psalm 25:4)

Even if it looks like the unexpected turn is taking you the wrong way, it isn't. His counsel and His eye is upon you. Don't be afraid of the unexpected turn.

Do you hear this? The unexpected turn is leading you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. He knows the plans He has for you. He knows the way you need to go. He sees the beginning from the end. There is no unexpected turns for Him. After all, "He restores your soul: He leads you in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake" (Psalm 23:3).

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