



His Way

I have over many years planned my travel from home to work and back. The need for the planning has come from the aggravation of the traffic and because I want to get to work at an acceptable time.

My trip takes me on a route that is sometimes busy and sometimes it flows.

Along the way I have other traffic, taxis, traffic lights, stop streets and pot holes to negotiate.

But as I get used to the route these frustrations become easier to accept and I flow with them.

So my route to work is the best possible route for me. It may be a little longer and take a little more time but it is without the daily aggravation.

BUT from time to time an accident happens or a traffic light is not working or you get a big truck that does not normally travel on the route and you have to adjust to the temporary change.

It is a minor ask so I adjust and go with the flow.

Possibly the worst area that I avoid at all costs in the Allandale off ramp in Midrand. This is the worst area to negotiate. It is a bottleneck filled with people who have driven the best part of an hour to arrive at this area and are aggravated and irritated by the traffic.

There are also people trying to get onto the freeway at Allandale to begin their journey so this is a bottleneck of anger.

I travelled this way many times and the aggravation got the better of me so I decided to find another route which flows more evenly. And I did. I can navigate around this area and get to work with a more peaceful demeanour.

So my route to and from work is set.

But there are times I make a decision to go to Allandale because I believe it might be quicker and it might be easier to negotiate.



Big mistake. Allandale is always busy and always filled with aggravated people and taxis.

So I learn from my mistakes and go back to my planned route.

And then wonder why I changed my mind.

This is much like our walk with God.

So let us learn something from God.

1. His way is perfect

Psalm 18:30 (NIV)

“As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him”.

Deuteronomy 32:4

“He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he”.

2. His way is not like ours

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts

3. Men stumble in God’s ways

Hosea 14:9

“Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them”.



4. His ways are everlasting

Habakkuk 3:6

“He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal”.

5. His ways are inscrutable (hard to make out)

Romans 11:33

“Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways”!

6. His ways are Just and True

Revelation 15:2-3

“And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: “Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages”.

This all sounds a bit too much for me, where do I start?

There is only one place to start and that is at the cross.

Your journey starts with repentance!

Repentance is simply giving up the fight against God

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

We have all sinned and deserve God's judgment.

God, the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him.

Jesus, the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried, and rose from the dead according to the Bible.



If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Saviour, declaring, "Jesus is Lord," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven

If you don't start here you have no chance of finding His way for you.

Jesus confirmed this.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

And then you begin to feed on His word.

And once you have sincerely done this you have to begin to read His way in His word.

2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness".

If you are looking for directions to a place that you have never been to before, you look in a map or fire up your Garmin.

The thing is the map or Garmin will give you the quickest or the shortest route BUT it does not tell you if there will be obstacles on the way.

God's Word says:

- Do it this way. (This is my way)
- Don't do it this way. (This is not my way)
- If you do it this way you will be rewarded. (because you are doing it my way)
- My way is the right way. (Others will see you and bless me)

God's way is not necessarily the shortest or the quickest but it is the way in which you will find the least obstacles.

When I go of the route that I know is the way I encounter many obstacles.



And this irritates me and causes me to sin.

God's way encourages me to remain in Him.

John 8:31

"Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you **remain faithful to my teachings**".

And as you remain in Him, He then encourages you to FAST, PRAY and GIVE.

This is His way.

2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

Some questions for you.

1. Are you "His" people who are called by His name?
2. Will you humble yourself?
3. Will you pray and seek His face?
4. Will you turn from your wicked ways to His way?

What is the promise to those who trust and obey?

- I will hear from heaven
- I will forgive your sin, and
- I will heal you land.

Conclusion

Next when you are driving to work or somewhere that you need to get through the busy traffic, think on this;

Have I chosen correctly?

Is this the right way with the least irritation?

You will work out a route that best fits with you and be comfortable with this.



But God wants you to know that His way for your life is what best fits with Him.

He has a plan for each of us and He wants us to seek Him and ask just what that plan is.

I want to tell you that He will confirm His plan through His word and if you are ready to walk in it He will provide everything that you need.

This is because His way is the true way.

His way leads to life.

His way leads to peace.

His way leads to eternity.

Amen