

How Does God Lead Us?
(A Study in Exodus 3)
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- The big picture: Proverbs 3:5-6.
 - ✓ The specifics in Moses' story: Exodus 3:1-8.

What are some ways God directs our life?

1. By opening our eyes to something already in our path.
 - ✓ What we see every day, we often stop noticing.
 - Example: the lame man at the temple gate (Acts 3:1-8). Everything in this story suggests routine.
 - They prayed at a certain time.
 - The man was placed at the gate daily.
 - There's every indication they had given him alms, perhaps often.
 - What was different about this day?
 - Peter really saw him. He was "lit" for their attention.
 - Let's notice what God is "lighting" in our pathway.
2. By causing us to see a change in our environment.
 - ✓ Traditional patterns can blind us to what God is doing (Mark 7:13a).
 - ✓ Notice the subtle differences. Show curiosity. Ask questions.
3. By showing us something in our life which has been lost.
 - ✓ It seems that Moses had lost a sense of awe toward God's presence.
 - He had become insensitive to simple worship and the fear of the Lord.
 - Mesquite thorns in dry places can cause us to lose our first love.
 - ✓ Remember the church of Ephesus in Revelation 3?
 - "...you have left your first love..."
 - Lit.: "You have let go of something very precious."
 - The remedy of Jesus: Revelation 3:5
 - God's remedy to Moses: Exodus 3:5
 - ✓ We can lose our sensitivity in the hard places of life.

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4. By leading us into challenge (Exodus 3:8).

- ✓ God was leading His people into a land of “milk and honey”, but it was also a land full of problems.
- ✓ God’s call is not to do an easy thing—it is to do a right thing.
- ✓ The test of our life is when our emotions and thoughts are flying in every direction—but we still choose to walk out 1 Corinthians 15:58.