

Life is a Journey
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This summer, Kathy and I went on a road trip out west that netted over 4000 miles on the road. Hours together in a vehicle can really test a relationship. When you're driving, the real you comes out to play. At least that's the case for me and I would venture to guess for a lot of others, too. The good news is that our marriage not only survived, but thrived. What made our trip special was that while we had our destination, we were able to go with the flow and enjoy the journey and points of interest along the way.

That's not to say there weren't some trying moments. The love of my life and self-appointed director of my driving had some doubts about my decision to leave Georgia and travel north to Tennessee in order to go to west Texas. We traveled unfamiliar roads and encountered spaghetti layouts of roads and loops that increased our prayer lives. Through all of these, we relied on our GPS to direct us as to which way to turn and what direction to go. Did we always know exactly where we were? No. But we were not lost, even when we made wrong turns, because we knew our GPS would help direct us back to where we needed to go. That took away a lot of worry.

I have to admit that there have been times in my life when I have felt lost. My human tendency is to take control of the wheel and navigate through everything myself. Faithful logic tells me to turn on my spiritual GPS (God Positioning System), trusting that God will direct and redirect me in the way I need to go, even when I make a wrong turn or decision. That also takes away a lot of worry.

Life is a journey. How much we enjoy the ride is determined in large part by our attitudes and the kind of preparations and decisions we make. One of the best decisions we can make is to activate our spiritual GPS and follow God's direction.