



CAMP RUN-A-MUCK

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1 Chronicles 29:15 says,

“We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.”

That does not sound like a permanent resident to me! We are travelers - only passing through headed toward our final home! You have no choice in this fact! Like it or not, you are a traveler.

Where the choice comes in is deciding which journey you will choose.

This choice is 100% your call!

Joshua says, *“choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”* (Joshua 24:15)

God gave each of us the freewill to choose our path.

You can follow your own plan or you can follow God’s plan, your choice.

Matthew 7:13-14 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

So obviously - it is your life, your choice, but what is the plan? You can have the most educated, most precise, most thorough plan in the world – but, if it is not God’s plan for your life – you are going it on your own! Camp Run-A-Muck is about the best way I can describe a person who is not seeking and following God’s plan for their life – Run-A-Muck! Confusion, chaotic, hectic, unproductive, total waste of time! Days quickly are gone and you find yourself lost without a plan or any sense of direction! You say, I’m smart enough to come up with a good plan for my life – I know what I need and when I need it. It will all work out in the end! Then, when you are in a total Run-a-Muck mess the only direction, you have left to turn is to The Father!

**What if God ruined
your plans so that
your plans wouldn't
ruin you...**

God gives us constant support on our journey – if we will but seek His direction and plan for our life! Let's talk about a helpful tool!

1. **A compass is a direction-finding instrument. It points to the direction one should travel.** God's Holy word is the best instrument we have to direct us to what is right and true. This truth points us to Him and His Son. It leads us to Grace and salvation. It points away from sin and towards righteousness. Psalm 119:133 says, *"Direct my footsteps according to your Word; let no sin rule over me."*

2. **A compass gives accurate measurement to the correct course, especially when surrounded by nothing but sin. God's Word provides accurate compass measurements.** God's Word is the most accurate measurement we have to guide us towards the life plan He has for each of us. When we are lost in a sea of hurt or trouble, and see no land around, it is His word that provides not only hope and encouragement, but gives us the truest of measurements to aid us in choosing the right course. When we are engulfed in darkness, it is His Word that leads us out into the light. Psalm 119:105, *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

3. **A compass enables a person to return to their starting point.** At times, I have found myself starting to stray from an intimate relationship with the Lord. Life gets busy and I find myself giving less time to Him. At times, I focus on what I want to do or on worldly things. Whether I stray a little or a lot, it is God's Word that pulls me back, and builds up that relationship with Him again. It is his Word that opens my eyes, and spurs me on; starting that fire within me to seek Him more. It is His word that returns me to the place just before I strayed and then points me further along the journey. Psalm 119:130 says, *"The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."*

4. **A compass needs to be kept away from magnets. Magnets disrupt the needle and thus it cannot correctly align with the earth's magnetic field.** When we allow the toxic world, with toxic people to seep in distractions begin to keep us from focusing on Him and His Word, we lose the opportunity to hear what He is trying to say, and we may miss a turn we were supposed to take. When we focus with our heart and keep toxic distractions at bay, like the needle of the compass, our heart will align with His Word and hear what He is saying. His words are the way. We will never be lead astray with an open heart; a heart that asks the spirit to reside in it. 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, *"The person without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the spirit of God, but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the spirit."*

This compass, the Word of God, is a gift for you and me. It was given to fully see and know the guidance and support He provides. Through the Word, the way to salvation and a righteous life is laid out before us. Trusting the compass provides us with peace and hope, knowing that we have this instrument to depend on as we navigate this life.

When we think about the GPS's in our cars that navigate us on highways and byways, across major interstates and dirt roads, through completely new territory we have never been in before – even to the point it will give us alters and warnings if a route is dangerous, under construction, congested, delayed by a wreck - - give us the speed we should be traveling, even plot our destination - - to me this sounds just like God's sweet Holy Spirit traveling right along beside us each step of the way. Alters us, warns us, supports us, guards us, helps us to make a journey that will lead us to our final destination.

I pray, that you will make God's word your compass
let His Holy Spirit be your GPS so that your plans will not Run-a-Muck!

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