



DEVOTIONAL SERIES
HE'S MY GUIDE
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Back in the day, before they became standard equipment, we bought a GPS for our car. Being as I am “directionally challenged,” this tool would pay for itself in no time. One of our first adventures was to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a shopping spree. “Lucy” (we named our GPS) got us there safely and all was well, until we ran into some construction and had to detour. We tried going around this challenge but soon found that “she” kept taking us in a circle to get us back on the original but now interrupted route. By now it was getting dark, and we were growing more frustrated. We pulled over and got out our paper map of Pittsburgh. We did our own recalculating and before long, we were back on track and “Lucy” knew where she was. Initially, we were very uneasy about the whole thing, but now we look back and laugh about the story.

Life doesn't come with a GPS. One must make choices and maneuver as best they can. There are common elements that we share with one another, and we can learn some things from those who have gone before us (not to mention the thousands of “How To” books and/or digital compositions at our fingertips), but ultimately, we find ourselves on our own. The funny thing about that – it usually happens when it is or is getting dark. Do not despair however, all is not hopeless.

*For my God is higher than my faults and failures,
And He knows the deepest fears I keep inside,
And He's strong enough to break the hold of all my selfish pride.
When I'm wand'ring in the darkness, He's my guide.*

And for me, these are not simply gushy Sunday School sentiments, for God **has been, now is, and ever will be my guide.** What say you?

“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”
Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

“The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you.”
Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

“The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength.
You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.”
Isaiah 58:11 (NLT)