

Devotion 21: The Lamp That Never Lies

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Scripture: Psalm 119:105

| *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

Devotion

Before GPS, before trail maps with satellites and turn-by-turn directions, a traveler at night depended on something much simpler: a lamp. A lamp doesn't show you the whole journey. It shows you enough to take the next step. It lights the ground right in front of you so you don't stumble in the dark.

King David calls God's Word exactly that — a lamp. Not a spotlight that illuminates the entire road of your life all at once. A lamp. Enough light for the next step. And unlike a phone GPS that re-routes around every difficulty, God's Word doesn't promise to re-route us around hard things. It lights our way through them.

In the sermon series this Lent, we have heard that God guides His people through His written Word — the Scriptures. This is the one guide that cannot deceive us, cannot be hacked, cannot get a bad signal. In John's gospel, the apostle tells us why the Scriptures were written: "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that believing, you may have life in His name." Every page of the Bible is pointing to Jesus. Every story — from Abraham leaving home, to Moses in the wilderness, to David as a shepherd king — all of it is a sign pointing to the one true Guide who would come and walk among us. The Bible isn't just a good book. It is the lamp that leads us to the Light of the world.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God gave us a "lamp" rather than a map showing us our whole future at once?
2. Have you ever read a Bible verse that gave you exactly what you needed at just the right time? Share that story.
3. How does knowing that the whole Bible points to Jesus change the way you read it?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for not leaving us in the dark. Thank You for the gift of Your Word — the lamp that has guided Your people in every generation. Help us to read it, trust it, and follow where it leads us — all the way to Jesus. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, read one psalm together this week — let everyone pick a verse from it that speaks to them. Talk about what you think God is saying to your family through that verse right now.