

“Guidance God’s Way”



Psalm 143: 8b (NIV)

8b Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

How does he communicate with us?

- **Through the Bible** (Psalm 119:105 NIV)
- **An inner voice/knowingness** (John 6:15 NIV)
- **Visions/dreams** (Acts 16:9; Matthew 2:13 NIV)
- **An audible voice** (Acts 9:4 NIV)

Readiness to respond

Acts 16: 6-7, 9-10 (NIV)

⁶ Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been kept by the Holy Spirit** from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.**

⁹ During the night **Paul had a vision** of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, **we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia...**

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

⁹ In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

One step at a time

Acts 16: 11 -12 (NIV)

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

Provision promised

Acts 16: 13 & 15 (NIV)

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river... We sat down and began to speak to **the women who had gathered there.**

¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “**come and stay at my house.**”

Questions for Reflection

1. What is my experience of God's guidance?
2. In what area of my life do I currently need God's guidance?
3. Is there an area of my life where God is speaking and a step of faith is needed in response?

Books

Listening to God – Joyce Huggett

Chasing the Dragon – Jackie Pullinger