Finding Direction

Removing Road Blocks

**Prayer:** Praise for John K’s new book, H2H starting, 40 days, our city

**Intro:**

God wants to direct us.

Trust is first

Find wisdom/Understand God’s design

 Trust God first

 He will lead you with teaching and His eye

 Don’t be like the mule with bit and bridle

 His direction always leads to Him

Remove Road blocks

 Road blocks will happen

 They could be placed by God, by you or by others

Pray in the Spirit/Live in the Spirit/Prophetic insight

Road Blocks From God

Road blocks will happen

Make sure it’s not a road block set up by God.

He could be saving you from a bad situation

Exodus 13:17 *Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”*

Acts 16:6 *Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.*

Don’t overlook the growth that comes from road blocks

 The 405 problem is producing better overpasses in an earth quake, we are safer

Road blocks can draw us closer to Jesus or produce bitterness – Your Choice!

*John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace, In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

Three ways not to face road blocks:

1. Analyze it to death – analysis that leads to paralysis
2. Be defeated
3. Pretend like it’s not there

Three ways of facing road blocks:

1. Pray it away
2. Go through it
3. Go around it

Pray It Away

*Acts 1:4*

*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said , “You have heard from Me”*

Praying allows you wisdom to discern God’s design

Road Blocks From YOU

Face it head on!

Identify exactly what the road block is.

 Internal

 Your thinking (learn a new way to think), Your attitude (control your emotions), Your living situation (move), Your sin (repent and change your ways), Your disobedience (obey)

 Stop Being Defeated!!!

OR, what if the road block you placed is healthy?

Temporary blocks can help you build a better life (405 for better overpasses)

i.e. moving into a new house produces work and a mess! Moving road blocks us from spending time studying, watching a movie with the family etc. but it a necessary road block.

Facing it head on removes the road block for others as well

 A learning experience

 Every road block can be a learning experience. Teach your kids about why we move to a new house. Teach them to organize. Learn to advance in your personal life. etc

Repent!

 If you made the mistake, admit it!

Road blocks From Others

Go Around

*John 15:18-25*

 If you are a Christian you can expect push back

 Make sure your situation is really like Jesus’ not an excuse for your poor behavior

If this isn’t a hill to die on….

Start walking a different direction

 Don’t analyze to death, don’t be defeated, don’t pretend like it’s not there.

*Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men… Vengeance is Mine, says the Lord. If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink…Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*