

Perspectives

Course Correction

Have you ever been on a trip and had to make a course correction? When I think about all the trips I have taken, two types of course corrections come to mind. The first is when you have been traveling and realize you are heading in the wrong direction. You might see a mile marker, exit sign, or landmark that indicates you are going the wrong way. That is when you pull off, look at a map, and get on the right trajectory toward your intended destination. The second type happens when you are heading in the right direction but due to road construction, flooding, and so on, you must take a detour. You are on the right road, but must make an adjustment (a course correction) to the path you are traveling.

In life, sometimes course corrections are needed or necessary. For example, people might find that their life is filled with painful and destructive wrong turns. The road they are traveling is leading away from God and a course correction is needed. When people realize their life is going in the wrong direction, they must pull off (so to speak) and allow God to get them headed in the right direction. This means acknowledging they are lost, allowing God's presence to lead them on life's road. One might say it means, "Putting God in the driver's seat."

When people are traveling on the right road, but encounter an unexpected detour (e.g., losing a job, health issues, etc.), it is at those times they must trust God to help them navigate the unintended and unfamiliar path they are traveling. It means relying on God, allowing His presence to guide them during times when life necessitates a course correction.

During this quarter, we will look at stories of people whose life needed or required a course correction. In each case, God was faithful to guide, strengthen, and empower—offering a path that led to a closer relationship with Him. As you read each story, think about the ways God worked in the lives of those who allowed Him to direct their path.

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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