

Trust God—He Knows the Way

Two weeks ago, after worshiping with the church in Wiesbaden, Germany, the preacher for the German congregation offered me his “tom-tom” for our trip. “*What’s a tom-tom?*” I asked, and he said it was a GPS navigation system. I had heard of such things, but I had never actually seen one up close and personal so I was a little reluctant to accept his offer. Boy, am I glad that I decided to say, “*Sure, thanks*” instead of “*No, thanks.*” That little device just may be the greatest invention since penicillin—at least for those driving in an unfamiliar foreign country.

It did not take us long to put our trust totally in “Lori”—that was the name of the voice we chose to direct us. We told her where we wanted to go, then we just followed her directions. When she told us to go straight, we went straight. When she told us to turn, we turned. When she told us to exit, we exited. We never doubted her. Even when we found ourselves on what seemed to be one-lane mountain roads in the middle of nowhere, we still followed her directions, knowing that she knew what she was doing and would take us where we wanted to go.

And our trust was vindicated. Whether our destination was a small restaurant tucked into a big city like Nuremburg, an isolated salt mine nestled among the hills of the Austrian countryside, or a castle hidden in some remote forest, “Lori” always led us right to the doorstep.

After the trip, it dawned on me that there’s a real spiritual parallel here. We know where we want to go—heaven, and God has been so gracious to us by giving us a divine navigational system to lead us right to its doorstep. That divine navigational system is his word. And God calls on us to totally trust his directions. When he tells us to go straight, we must go straight. When he tells us to turn, we must turn. When he tells us to do something, we must do it. When he tells us to stop doing something, we must stop it. Don’t doubt. Trust. God knows the way. Follow his directions and your trust will be vindicated.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. . . Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. (continued on next page)