

# **Double Yellow Line**

## **Journey Through Life**

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## **Dedication**

We dedicate this book to all the police officers,  
highway patrol, ambulance personnel, first  
responders, medical staff, pastors, ministers  
and chaplains who see firsthand what happens  
when you cross the double yellow line  
physically and spiritually!

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## Introduction

Life can be a road! A journey you take through this life. There are signs to obey and follow, lines to keep us in our boundaries, bumps and curves life throws at you, forks in the road (which way do I go), U-turns (you can always turn around when you are on the wrong road), blind spots and of course, hills (highs) and valleys (lows) to navigate. The pages to follow are ways to help you navigate this journey through life.

**Psalm 119:105**, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

## **Chapter 1**

### **Double Yellow Line**

Recently while coming home from a family trip to Orange Beach, Alabama, we witnessed several life events that seem to be the rule instead of the exception. We used to say it's the exception instead of the rule. We were heading home in heavy rain, and we came upon an accident where two semi-tractor trailers collided. Both were a total wreck beyond repair. We don't know if there were any injuries, but it did look like there would be.

We stopped for the night and began our journey home the next day. About four hours from home, we observed two cars in front of us pass on a hill where there was a double yellow line. A double yellow line means you are prohibited to cross over them to pass another vehicle regardless of whether the road appears clear. The rule applies because visibility is limited, or conditions could pose a hazard. As we observed this violation one then the other, we both spoke to each other saying why would they risk their own lives and the others' lives just for the sake of getting to their destination quicker.

Then a short time later we witnessed another driver pulling onto the road. They never even began to slow down as they blew right through the stop sign.

I brought up the subject of the double yellow line to Dana and about writing this book. We agreed to share the principles of how humans living in a time of self-absorption has crossed principles of no discernment that will affect every faucet of one's life. So how did we get to the place of living where there is no awareness of others and the world around us?

There are many factors we could look at. Selfishness, lack of respect, disobeying, lovelessness and being too busy are just a few factors. We are the iPad, iPhone, android phone generation that everyone carries everywhere we go. Begin to think about the factors in your own life that cause distractions. The double yellow line is put on the road for a reason. God places double yellow lines in our own lives if we will listen. The Word of God is a good double yellow line helping us understand truths and absolutes.

While on our trip I was with our grandsons and walking by the hot tub there were two people in it with their iPhone's inches away from the swirling water.

So sad that someone would need to think they had to have their phone, never being without it for a minute because they might miss something or be disconnected.

**Proverbs 17:24** (Message Bible), The perceptive find wisdom in their own front yard; fools look for it everywhere but right here.

This proverb says foolish eyes are everywhere but where they are. Meaning I am not presently living and enjoying the here and now because I need to live vicariously somewhere but where I am.

Now before you jump to conclusions, we do live a life where we have incorporated the need to communicate. The danger is we lose a discernment of our surroundings, we lose living in the moment, and we just become passing through time without the God moments. We miss hearing His voice and making a lasting God print on our lives and those surrounding us.

Paul exhorts the church of Ephesus in **Ephesians 5:15**, Look carefully at how you walk, not as unwise (ignoring the double yellow line) but as wise. Then in verse 16 making the best use of time because the days are evil. The Greek word for time is Kairos meaning seizing opportune moments. We all need God

moments in our lives. Start looking for the God moments in your life.

Today is the day before my wife turns sixty. As we are embarking toward the later end of our life journey, we could just look backwards in life missing what the Lord still has before us. We have had a blessed journey, raised our family, and have been a part of our children's lives. They are both married, and we have two grandsons. We have been blessed by the Lord as we have strived to maintain our walk with Him and one another. All these steps in life have made us who we are today.

In this phase we are taking the time to impart our life journey in hopes that we can make an eternal in-road into your life. We are authoring this book together sharing our own unique perspectives that were ignited by being on the road literally watching and observing the vanity of the day that has taken over people's lives. People that are haphazardly squandering away their own life and possibly the many people they are risking at the sake of crossing the double yellow line both on the roadway and the roadway into eternity.

**Matthew 7:13-14** (New King James Version),  
Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate  
and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction,  
and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because



narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Eternity is forever. Forever is a long time. Pay attention to the road signs God puts in your life.

Say this prayer based on John 10:29: *No man shall take me out of His hand for I have eternal life.*

## Chapter 2

### U-Turn

U-turns are great! You have the opportunity to turn around when you are going the wrong way, or a U-turn allows you to get on the right road. In the Dallas, Texas area and in Orange Beach, Alabama there were U-turns to help you get to the right road. What I like though is when you are going in the wrong direction you can always do a U-turn. Sometimes we recognize this ourselves, sometimes family or friends try to tell us to turn around and sometimes God is telling us STOP and turn around. It is important that we listen!

**Proverbs 4:14-15** (NKJV), Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. <sup>15</sup> Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

The Word of God in Proverbs talks about U-turns. The Voice translation says, turn your back and run *as far as you can in the opposite direction*. That's a U-turn!

If there is something on the inside of you saying turn around or stop, you should listen. If family or friends are saying stop or turn around,

pause, pray before preceding any further. God's word tells us He will direct our paths. There are many more encouraging verses in the Bible about God showing us the way we should go. It is always a good practice to pause and pray before preceding!

**Proverbs 3:5-6** (CEV), With all your heart you must trust the LORD and not your own judgment. <sup>6</sup> Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow.

There is another scripture in Proverbs that talks about looking straight ahead and not turning to the right or to the left. We are to keep our focus on Jesus and the way of truth. We don't veer from His truth, and you should work very hard at not letting evil come near you.

**Proverbs 4:25-27** (NKJV), Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. <sup>26</sup> Ponder the path of your feet and let all your ways be established. <sup>27</sup> Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

Brian and I have been in several situations where we have listened and where we have not. One time we wanted a van so bad. We found one, but we should have listened to that

little nudge on the inside that was telling us not to buy it. We had nothing but trouble with that van. God in His great mercy got us out of it and redeemed the situation but we should have listened to Him in the first place. We could have saved ourselves some headaches.

That is the wonderful thing about God. He is rich in grace and mercy and when we do mess up, He can get us out of situations. Sometimes there are consequences to pay and sometimes there are even lasting effects, but God always helps us.

I have heard people say they have gone too far or done too many wrong things. They think God cannot forgive them. This is not true; it is a lie straight from the pit of hell. When we repent of our evil ways, God does forgive us. He makes us brand new again. He says so in His word!

**2 Corinthians 5:17** (CEV), Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

Remember it is never too late to make a U-turn!

Prayer: *I let the peace of God rule in my heart and I refuse to worry about anything.* Colossians 3:15

### Chapter 3

#### Valleys Low

#### Overwhelmed and Fainting

#### **Psalm 142** (Amplified Classic)

**1** I cry to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord do I make supplication.

**2** I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell before Him my trouble.

**3** When my spirit was **overwhelmed and fainted** [throwing all its weight] upon me, then You knew my path. In the way where I walk they have hidden a snare for me.

**4** Look on the right hand [the point of attack] and see; for there is no man who knows me [to appear for me]. Refuge has failed me *and* I have no way to flee; no man cares for my life *or* my welfare.

**5** I cried to You, O Lord; I said, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

**6** Attend to my loud cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

**7** Bring my life out of prison, that I may confess, praise, *and* give thanks to Your name; the righteous will surround me *and* crown themselves because of me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

David was in a cave hiding from King Saul who was trying to kill him. Psalm 142 is David crying out to God. He was trapped with no way out. He felt overwhelmed, tired, helpless, and depressed. He felt like no one really cared. Can you relate yet? Times like these have come to all of us but what do we do during these times?

You turn to God and cry out to Him. You turn to His Word (the Bible) and let it speak to you. Read the Book of Psalms, something will grab your heart and mind and speak to you.

You turn to a friend and let them help you. You turn to a house of worship that truly follows the Word of God and let them help you. Verse 7 says to let the righteous surround you. You can do all the above.

I went through one of these times in my life. It was a hormone issue that caused anxiety, depression, insomnia and thoughts of suicide. All I could do was live one day at a time. I continued to pray, worship God, read His Word, go to church, family, good friends and I stood on the scripture Luke 8:22-25. I said to myself, "you will make it to the other side of this." Jesus told them they were crossing over

to the other side but what happened? A huge storm came up and the disciples thought they were going to die. Jesus was actually sleeping during the storm. Why? He knew they were going to the other side! It doesn't matter what the devil puts in your way nor what he does to you. The Word of God promises us we will make it to the other side! Stand on His promises! All of them are yes and amen! Speak peace to the storm! Put one foot in front of the other and don't give up!

**Luke 8:22-25 (NKJV)**, Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. <sup>23</sup> But as they sailed, He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling *with water*, and were in jeopardy. <sup>24</sup> And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Whatever you choose, don't remain alone. Cry out for help like David did. Remember David also lost an infant son and three other grown sons. His faith always remained in God with every storm he went through! The key is to trust in God in every situation and let Him help you through it.

There is a song that says, though I walk through valleys low I'll fear no evil, by the waters still my soul, my heart will trust in You, my heart will trust in You. (My Heart Will Trust by Reuben Morgan)

Prayer: *I will fear no evil for you are with me, Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit, they comfort me.* (Psalm 23:4)



## **Chapter 4**

### **Bumps, Curves and Forks**

Boy, doesn't life throw bumps, curves, and forks in the road (life) at us! Some days you just don't know what is going to happen!

There's the flat tire day, the car won't start day, I'm late day, coffee just spilled day, children are sick day, and the list goes on!

What do you do? Take one day at a time, sweet Jesus! Bumps, curves and forks come into all our lives. What do we choose to do when this happens?

Yes, I get frustrated, upset and mad just like everyone else, but it does not help anything. Step back, take a deep breath and work on a solution to the situation.

**2 Corinthians 4:8** (GW), In every way we're troubled, but we aren't crushed by our troubles. We're frustrated, but we don't give up.

This scripture tells us we're troubled but not crushed by our troubles. I like; we're frustrated but we don't give up. Face life's challenges and don't give up. When we change our attitude

about life's mishaps, we change how we handle life.

Don't you just love those forks in the road.  
Which way do I go?

Several times I have been faced with a decision. There is a prayer I pray: *I hear the Good Shepherd's voice and the voice of a stranger I will not follow. I roll my works upon the Lord and He will cause my thoughts to become agreeable with His will and so shall my plans be established and succeed.* John 10:4-5 & Proverbs 16:3

I had faithfully prayed this prayer every day based on His word. I was seeking the Lord and asking Him, "which way do I go." He gently answered me and said, "Aren't you praying My Word?" I said, "Yes." He said, "then you are on the right path. I will not let you go the wrong way."

So very simple, yet we make it complicated. Another rule I have always followed is always follow peace. If you're wrestling with something and you can't find peace, you probably should not do it.

If you are completely unsure, follow the rule in chapter 2; pause, pray then precede.

When you have a relationship with Jesus there is an inner peace you experience with all decisions.

When we decided to write this book, my husband mentioned it first, but the Lord had already whispered to my heart that we would write a book together. Immediately I said, "Yes!"

I wish all decisions were that easy, but some decisions take more time and prayer. Be patient with yourself and God. Don't forget it took Abraham 10 years to get the answer to his prayer.

Here's another prayer to pray!

*The spirit of truth abides in me and teaches me all things, and He guides me into all truths. Therefore, I confess I have perfect knowledge of every situation and every circumstance that I come up against. For I have the wisdom of God. John 16:13 and James 1:5*

## **Chapter 5**

### **Pass With Care**

When the oncoming driver has a solid yellow line, they cannot pass due to the risk involved such as a turn, a hill or their visibility is obstructed. The driver without the yellow line can pass when it is clear and there is no oncoming traffic.

Many oncoming drivers will still pass regardless of the solid yellow line violating the legal and natural law. They put at risk you and themselves jeopardizing your life and theirs as well.

When conversing with friends and family there has been story after story of accidents, close calls and near misses as people are distracted by their phones and inattention as they go down the road. Their self-centeredness will violate their conscious and risk themselves and your life to get where they are going. My friend, this is called living in the end times.

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** (King James Version), This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.<sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,

blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,<sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,<sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;<sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The word perilous is used two times in the Bible and it means it will be dangerous to leave your own house. My word for you is to know and be aware of these dangerous times. With people casting off restraint, living in selfishness, lawlessness and all the other things listed in the above scripture, it's time to be cautious and pray the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm like never before.

God's word is true, and His angels will keep you safe living in this lawless time that you are living in today. I should say that WE are living in!

**Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)**, Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

Rules and laws are put in place to keep people safe. Just like the Word of God is an instruction manual filled with ways for us to live a successful life here on earth. So many people don't realize the wisdom you can get from God's Word, the comfort and encouragement you can receive from God's Word, and so, so, much more! Jesus paved the way for us. It is in Him that we live, move and have our being.

Now back to the chapter title pass with care! Live your life with discernment. Discernment means the ability to judge well or a perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding.

**Proverbs 27:12 (ESV)**, The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

**Psalms 119:105 (KJV)**, Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Let the Lord Jesus illuminate your path and give you wisdom and discernment each day of your life, so we don't fall into the traps of the devil.

*Prayer: I trust in the Lord with all my heart, and I do not lean on my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge Him and He will direct my path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

## **Chapter 6**

### **Mountain Tops**

When we are navigating through life there are highs and lows. Of course, we love it when everything is going well, and life is good. It's a time to gain strength, build a strong foundation and become more established in life.

The wise person builds their house (life) upon the rock (Jesus) and when the storms come, they will not be shaken. The foolish person builds their house (life) upon the sand (world) and when the storms of life come their house will fall because it was not built upon a firm foundation. Matthew 7:24-27

We build our life based on the Word of God and our relationship with Him.

We continually praise and give thanks to God whether we are on the mountain or in the valley. Always maintaining humbleness and a heart of gratitude.

Be alert to your enemy. The Word of God tells us he prowls around looking for someone to devour.



**I Peter 5:8** (God's Word Translation), Keep your mind clear, and be alert. Your opponent, the devil, is prowling around like a roaring lion as he looks for someone to devour.

Stay in communication with God, stay in His Word, worship Him, fellowship with believers, stay aware of temptation, watch what you are saying, walk in love and don't open the door to the devil. He will come bursting in and try to deceive you, accuse you, tempt you, and cause suffering and oppression.

Through Jesus we can overcome all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). Through Jesus we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37)!

**Jesus is always the antidote to life's problems and situations.**

*Prayer: I am of God and have overcome him (Satan). Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)*

## Epilogue

We hoped you enjoyed reading this book and gained some insight for your life journey with God.

When there is a double yellow line in your life, don't pass. Wait for things to become clear then pass!

Remember also when life throws situations at you to pause, pray then precede!

Here's a few more prayers to pray.

*The peace of God which passes all understanding keeps my heart and mind through Christ Jesus and things which are good, pure, perfect, lovely, and good report, I think on these things. Philippians 4:7-8*

*God is on my side. God is in my now, who can be against me? He has given me all things that pertain to life and godliness. Therefore, I am a partaker of His divine nature. 2 Corinthians 6:16, John 10:10, 2 Peter 1:3-4, Romans 8:31*

*I will not let the Word of God depart from before my eyes for it is life to me for I have*

*found it and it is health and healing to all my flesh. Proverbs 4:21-22*

*My loved ones and I are delivered from the powers of darkness and translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son. No evil shall befall, neither shall any plague come near my dwelling. I overcome all the fiery darts of the enemy and nothing can harm me because greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. Colossians 1:13, Psalm 91:10, Ephesians 6:16 I John 4:4*

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