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If you're hoping for the Kingdom of God to arrive through a worldly government, even if your party wins, you still lose.

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

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For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)."

Romans 10:5-10

In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

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How do we move forward when the way is dark and we don't know where to go?

Forge a trail of gratitude.



I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word. I gave an account of my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees. Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds. My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

Psalm 119:25-32

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, Lord; do not let me be put to shame. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.

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### HEAR THE WORD: LET GOD'S LIGHT GUIDE YOUR PATH

- + **BIBLE STUDY** is turning your heart and mind to Jesus, and asking God to reveal His heart through the Scriptures.
- + LECTIO DIVINA is reading and rereading a passage multiple times and asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through that practice.
- + MEMORIZATION is hiding God's
  Word in our hearts so that we would not
  stray from His will and be able to better
  navigate the darkening world.

