



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** Assurance of Guidance

**SPEAKER** Leon Oei

**THEME** Five Assurances for Every Believer:  
2 Tim 1:12-14

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## MESSAGE SUMMARY

### INTRODUCTION

“Have you ever gotten lost?” Leon Oei opened his sermon on the Assurance of Guidance with this question. He explained that God’s guidance is similar to a GPS, where the directions given can be either ignored or followed. When ignored, it will lead to problems; but if followed, we are assured blessings and will experience pleasures only found in Him.

Anchoring the message with Numbers 9:15-23, Mr Oei shared three postures we must take in order to benefit from God’s guidance.

### HOW TO BENEFIT FROM GOD'S GUIDANCE

#### 1) PATIENCE TO FOLLOW GOD'S TIMING

Like the Israelites on Mt. Sinai, it is important that we wait on God and His timing with patience. Regardless of whatever season we are in, we can trust that God has placed us there – and He has good reasons for doing so. Leon also reminded us that the lessons of patience and gratitude which we take away from our season of waiting will always work for the good of those who love God (Romans 8:28).

In Jeremiah 17:8, it says that as we trust in the Lord and His timing, we never have to worry. Like a tree planted by the water that does not have to fear heat nor drought, and will always bear fruit.

#### 2) OBEDIENCE TO FOLLOW GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

Upon God’s guidance with specific instructions (Exodus 25), Moses had asked the Israelites to give up their precious goods – including gemstones – for the construction of the tabernacle. The tabernacle is akin to a tavern, a place where God’s shekinah (presence) dwells. When they obeyed, God was able to respond by dwelling amongst His people.

Practically-speaking, we live out Christian values in life by obeying the 10 commandments that God has given us to live by (Exodus 20). We are affirmed by 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 6:19 that we

are God's temples. This means that God's Spirit is able to dwell in our midst. However, we too need to be obedient for God's shekinah to dwell in us.

### 3) PERSEVERANCE TO FOLLOW AT ALL COSTS

The Israelites exemplified perseverance as they moved to the place of God from Numbers 9:19-23. Leon shared how Moses had highlighted the perseverance of the Israelites through the repetitive nature of the text which emphasised their operational readiness to follow God's leading. When God moved, they moved. When God stopped, they stopped, despite not knowing when the next move or stop would be. They persevered to follow God's leading.

Likewise, we must be able to persevere through the obstacles in our lives as we follow God's timing and leading, at all costs.

## CONCLUSION

God's GPS never dies; it always has a way of helping us navigate through any situations we may encounter in life, bringing us to places that He knows is the best for us. Even as we may not always have the big picture, but we can be assured that He does, and He is worth it.

In journeying through life together, mutual encouragement is important where we must always strive to spur and encourage one another into good deeds. God promises to continue to guide us through many ways which include His word, aligned circumstances, by His Holy Spirit, godly counsel and His peace. For in Ps 119: 105 it says that His Word is a lamp for our feet, a light on our paths.

God has already promised to guide us with His eternal word; He will never leave nor forsake us. He does guide, but we must also follow.

# QUESTIONS

1. Share a situation where you could not have navigated through if not for the guidance from God. What did you learn through that experience?

2. We must have patience to follow God's timing, obedience to follow His instructions and perseverance to follow at all costs in order to benefit from His guidance.

A. Why is it important to take on these postures?

B. What obstacles do you face in taking on these postures? Which do you find most difficult to obey?

3. Is there any area of your Christian discipline that you are finding difficult to persevere through? What is one thing the cell group can do to come alongside you in mutual encouragement? And what practical steps will help you practise?