

God Goes Before Us

Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 31:6-8

The LORD himself ... will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:8 —

While visiting in the Philippines, my wife and I spent some time on Corrigedor Island. We toured some old tunnels that were dug there at General MacArthur's headquarters during World War II. I wasn't sure how stable those tunnels were, but our guide assured us they were safe. He had been there before, and he was going to walk ahead of us. With a flashlight in one hand and a walking stick in the other, we made it safely through. That tour was just a simple illustration of what God invites us to do as we begin a new year. We don't know what's ahead. We can't look into the future. But God can! God assures us that he knows what's ahead. The entire year is spread out before the Lord. He knows our future. And the same God who knows all about the year ahead promises to go with us every step of the way. God himself will be our guide, and he will guide us through. He knows the challenges that will face us, the obstacles that are before us. He invites us simply to follow him. And to help us on our way, God offers us the light of his Word. As the psalmist puts it, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). All we have to do is keep our eyes on the Lord, listen to what he says, and follow him.

Prayer

Lord, help us to keep our eyes on you, and teach us how to listen as you call us to follow you. Give us your wisdom and grace, we pray. For Jesus' sake,

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