

FINAL NOTE



Safety and Security

There it was, shining brightly as I started my car. The yellow “check engine” light was on. I was about to leave on a trip, but clearly, my car needed immediate attention. So, a short while later, after I dropped my car off with my mechanic and picked up a rental car, I was on my way. I was grateful that I was able to continue with my plans—and quite happy with the larger and much newer vehicle I was driving.

I was driving to North Carolina to visit some of you, friends who are part of the community of daily Bible guide readers who have a passion for meeting God in his Word. I hadn’t gone very far when I noticed another light flashing—this car let me know when I veered even slightly out of my lane. Then, even though I was just about to do it myself, a light flashed “Brake” when traffic ahead of me slowed down. I was glad to have the flash of lights in the side mirror, letting me know that it was not safe to change lanes. This car even suggested a coffee break, with an enticing graphic of a steaming cup and offered a polite reprimand: Driver attention low. Although I love my old car, I saw that the newer safety features provide helpful protections designed to get you to your destination safely.

I traveled between and within four cities on this visit. Truly, I cannot imagine making this trip in the days before GPS! I am old enough to remember the hard-to-fold maps and frequent stops at gas stations, trying to memorize verbal instructions, key landmarks, and hand motions. Technology has brought safety and security to the road trip experience.

I am so thankful for the gift of God’s Word and the Spirit’s voice we hear that guides us as followers of Jesus. May your travels through God’s Word be, as the psalmist writes “more precious than gold, and sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.”

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