

**FUSION Devo: January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Title: GPS**

**Text: Micah 6:8 (The Message)**

**But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.**

A couple of weeks ago I had to go speak at a youth event in South Carolina. Even though I had lived in South Carolina for a few years, I had never been to this particular city. I was a bit nervous about getting to the event site on time and not having to rush around. So, I pulled out my trusty GPS, plugged in the address and off I went. It was an easy trip as Beatrice, that's the name of my GPS, casually gave me my turn by turn directions straight to my desired destination. The other really cool about a GPS is that if you get off course, it will give you all the directions you need to find yourself back on the path. I think it is one of the best technical advancements that man has ever created. But did you know that God has also given us a GPS. Okay, maybe it is not a "Global Positioning System" but I like to refer to it as the "Godly Positioning System".

There are so many things that take place in a person's life that can distract or deter one from living a life that is on the path that God desires for us. Most of us have heard of the Golden Rule. You know, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It is a pretty good premise to live by. But years ago, as I sat in a Bible study, I ran across a verse that I have truly tried to make my "Life Verse." Unfortunately, I tend to fail at living up to these expectation on a daily basis. The verse comes from Micah 6:8 and I like to consider it my Biblical GPS. Its starts by asking a simple question about what God requires of us all as we live our lives. But the best part is that it turns right around and answers that question. We are to treat others in a fair and compassionate manner. We are called to be loyal and dependable to everyone and allow God's unconditional love flow from us. And then to not take ourselves too seriously, but instead to take our relationship with God more seriously.

Is that how we live our lives? I would love to think that as I motor on down life's highway and my spiritual walk with Jesus that those I encounter look at me and consider me loyal, compassionate and loving. I pray that people think if me as a fair and just person. More importantly that when they see me, they don't actually see me at all. I would hope they would see the light of Jesus Christ shining brightly. But that all depends on me and how I choose to live my life.

We have an amazing responsibility as Christians. We are given the opportunity to impact this world in the name of Christ. We can't depend on someone else to do it for us. We can't pass it off to the next person and hope that it will be taken care of. The fact is the as Christ-Followers we are to live in a way that is loving, compassionate and that is full of justice, and by doing so we truly embrace and take ownership in the understanding that we belong to God and have a God-given purpose. If we were to live that way, imagine how different our world would be.

Will you join me in this pursuit? Will you help me help this world? Will you take hold of this GPS, and together we can help others join us on the path toward our ultimate destination? Stay on the path, avoid the distractions and the things this world will throw at you and by doing so, allow God to direct us all on our journey.

#### **Something to Think About:**

- Have you been living your life in a Micah 6:8 way?
- If not, what can you change to get on that path?
- What impact would a Micah 6:8 life make on your life?
- What impact could you then make in this world?
- In what ways would you consider yourself loyal, compassionate, loving and just?
- How can you use today's devotional in your life today?

#### **A Few Minutes with God:**

God, help reveal in my life who I can be a more loyal, compassionate, loving and just person. I am feel I am already doing a good job at meeting these expectations. But God I also know I can always do better, because you deserve my

best. God, please reveal to me those who are need someone to stand up for them, have compassion on them, and experience your unconditional love. I want to do your will in my life Jesus. Use me in your world God. Amen.