



FINDING THE WAY

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BEYOND SUNDAY WEEK NINE

There may not be a better tribute to the Holy Scriptures than the one that is provided in Psalm 119. Every verse in Psalm 119 exalts the Word of God and the God of the Word. During this 10-week summer series, **Finding The Way**, we get back to the basics of allowing Scripture to help us grow in gratitude, awe, and dependence on God and His Word. In doing so, we believe it will guide us in the best way we should go in whatever comes our way. *This week in Psalm 119:153-168, we focus on how to find the way through the rough places.*

1. Where are you with gratitude, awe, and dependence? Which is easier or harder to lean into? Which one do you want more of?
2. Read [Psalm 119:153-168](#). Identify the many things the psalmist is struggling with. How can you relate?
3. Note the three different times the psalmist writes, "**Preserve my life**" and what comes immediately after. What three attributes of God does the psalmist depend on when he makes his request?
4. Notice the bookends of our passage today. The first word of Psalm 153 is "**Look.**" The last word of Psalm 168 is "**...for all my ways are known to you.**" When you consider the challenges in your life, what do you sense in knowing that God already sees you?
5. Consider the idea posed by Danielle Strickland, that following Jesus does not mean that there won't be suffering in your life, but it does mean that God will be present with you in your suffering. What comfort does this bring for you?
6. What one thing in your life are you asking God to see? How could you let what you already know about God, lead you to trust in Him with that one thing?
7. Write a prayer about a challenging situation in your life. Include the following:
 - a. What is true about God,
 - b. What you want from God, and
 - c. A willingness to wait on God.