

## God's Road Map

*My Uncle Kermit died ten years ago* at the age of 100, and until the day he died, he loved to tell stories about the good old days.

"In the fall of 1915," he said, "Dad bought our first car, a four-cylinder Overland. The following year we went to visit my uncle's family, a distance of about 65 miles. We started out in the morning and arrived just before sundown.

"How come it took so long? In the first place, people were used to horses and didn't drive over 20 miles per hour. There were sharp corners and mud holes. Even if the holes were dry, you had to slow down because they could be deep and the car would lurch and almost throw you out.

"On a trip like this you had to stop for gas, but there were no filling stations. You had to find someone who had gas for sale. He may bring you gas in a can; if he had a pump you would get one gallon each time he cranked the plunger up and down.

"Then, too, driving in unfamiliar country, you stopped in one town to ask the way to the next. This would invariably start an argument. One native would tell you, 'Go two miles and cross a bridge, go on three miles and turn left.'

"Another would say, 'That's not right. Turn left as soon as you cross the bridge.' One or two others may have different directions.

"By this time you were completely confused, but now they agreed, 'You can't miss it.'"

I wonder what our lives would be like without the Bible, God's spiritual road map, to guide us around the dangerous intersections and potholes of life. What if we didn't know where to go for spiritual sustenance? And what if we received conflicting counsel every time we had a spiritual dilemma?

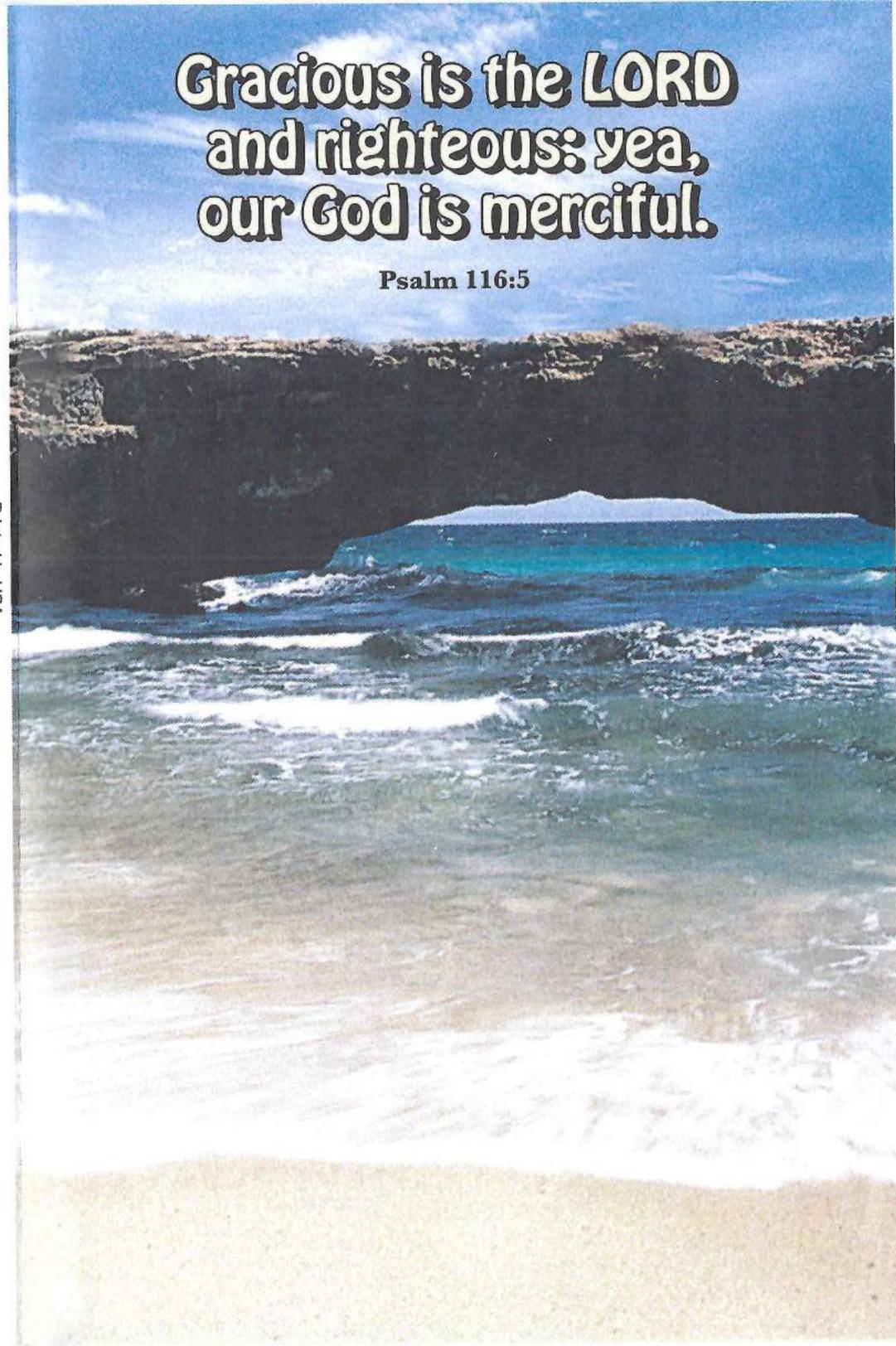
Psalm 19:7-8 shows us the importance of God's Word in our everyday lives: "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."

*K.E. Horsley*

**Gracious is the LORD  
and righteous: yea,  
our God is merciful.**

**Psalm 116:5**

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## Call to Worship

*Responsive Reading*

## Invocation

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #47 How Great Thou Art

## Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Worship in Song

Hymn #731 Onward Christian Soldiers

## Offertory Prayer

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*Rose Morgan*

## Sermon

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Hymn of Benediction

#819 The Doxology

***Don't forget to Shine, Shine, Shine!***

# Covenant News

## Elizabeth and Her Sunday School

Elizabeth asked her Sunday School class to sketch a picture of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Bert's picture, which showed four people sitting in a plane, so she asked him which Bible story it was meant to represent.' The flight to Egypt,' said Bert. 'I see ... and that must be Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus,' Elizabeth said, 'But who's the fourth person?' Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot.

**St. Peter was looking down at Earth one Sunday and saw a Baptist minister playing golf**

After a bit of investigating, he found the man had asked his lay clergy to conduct that day's service so he could take advantage of good weather. Incensed, St. Peter goes to God to complain.

"Lord, can you believe this? A man who preaches your Word, neglecting his sacred duty so he can golf."

God nods. "Thank you for bringing this to my attention, Peter. I'll handle it." He points at the preacher, and a few minutes later, the man hits a hole in one on the most difficult hole of the course.

St. Peter frowns. "Lord, I don't mean to question you, but what kind of punishment is that?"

God smirks. "Who's he going to tell?"