

WE SOMETIMES HEAR OF A TROUBLED INDIVIDUAL going alone to a mountain cabin or a deserted island to “find themselves.” Spending time alone they can presumably do some soul-searching and return home refreshed and optimistic.

A woman on a group tour of Iceland took the concept of finding herself in a different direction. Her tour bus had stopped at Eldgja volcanic canyon and everyone had stepped off the bus to take a look at this natural wonder. Soon, according to a media report, “There was word of a missing passenger. The woman, who had changed clothes, didn’t recognize the description of herself, and joined in the search.” Hours later, around 3 AM, it became clear the missing woman was, in fact, accounted for and searching for herself.

How often do we, as Christians, keep looking for something that seems to be missing from our lives when, in fact, what we need is right in front of us in the pages of God’s Word?

We may feel abandoned and alone. God says, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

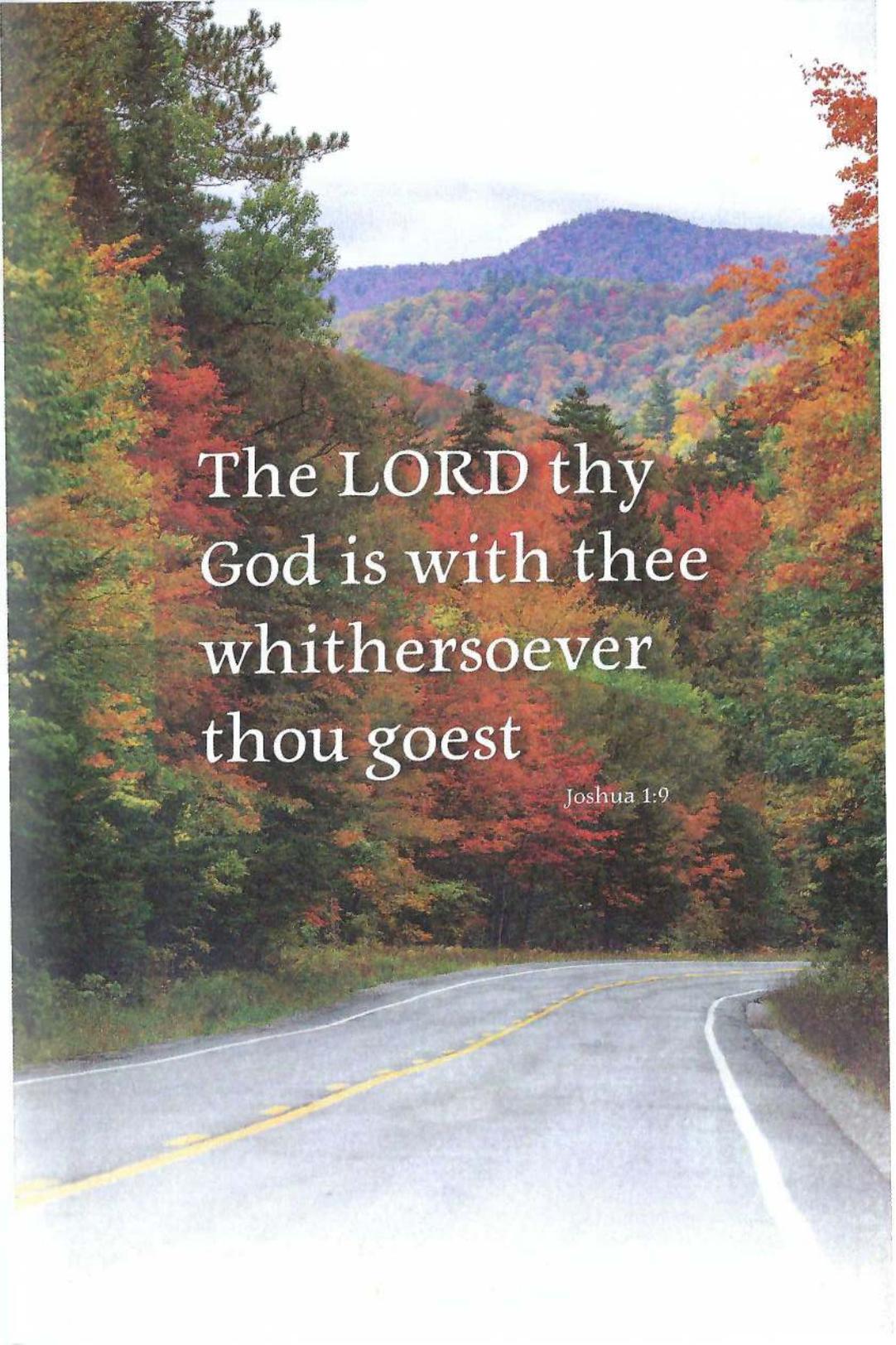
We may wonder how to respond to an acquaintance who spreads unkind or untrue rumors about us. God says, “Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye” (Colossians 3:13).

We may be uncertain about the future. God says, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart . . . In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Even if the Bible doesn’t address an issue specifically, we can pray that the Holy Spirit will direct us to Scriptural principles that apply. We don’t need to find ourselves; we need to find God’s direction.

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The LORD thy
God is with thee
whithersoever
thou goest

Joshua 1:9

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Call to Worship *Sounds of Hope*

Invocation *Pastor Don Mauldin*

Sing Unto the Lord
Hymn #434 Revive Us Again

Welcome and Announcements
Recognition of Guests
Mission Moment
Birthdays and Anniversaries *Ron Marks*

Worship in Song
Hymn # 435 God of Grace and God of Glory

Offertory Prayer *Michelle Miller*

Offertory *Rose Morgan*

Special Music *Sounds of Hope*

Sermon: "The Price of Impatience" *Pastor Don Mauldin*
Scripture: Exodus 32:19-35

Hymn of Benediction
#445 People Need the Lord

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Covenant News

Covenant's ministry for September is bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, celebrating 36years of serving the community, is a private non-profit organization.

They collect, sort, store and distribute donated food and basic essentials to 170+ non-profit agency partners such as food pantries, churches, homeless shelters and other organizations who then distribute food in their communities to directly feed the hungry.

Wordsearch from Genesis Chapter 1
(Do not do during Don's sermon or I will get in trouble.)

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