圣灵的带领

但天堂的代言者,就是父因我的名所要差来的圣灵,祂要将一切的事指教你们,并且要叫你们想起我对你们所说的一切话。—— 约翰福音 14:26

嗨,孩子们! 今天我们先来讨论一下地图。当我们不确定该往哪个方向走时,我们会使用地图来帮助我们。如今,当我们想到使用地图时,我们会想到使用手机上的地图,我们输入出发地和目的地,然后按回车键,我们就可以出发了。你地图上的 GPS 系统会告诉你你在哪,并且指示你将要往哪里走,当它告诉你"500 米后左转"时,你就知道下一步该怎么做了。使用这种导航系统的好处是你不必担心会迷路,即使你走错了路,你的电子地图也会自动改变路线,告诉你如何找到到达目的地的路。拥有一个可以这样信赖的导航系统,真是太好了。目前,我们在手机和平板电脑上使用的地图就是使用 GPS – Global Positioning System 全球定位系统。







今天,我们要学习的是当我们成为神的儿女时,神所赐给我们的"导航系统"。让我们先来做个有趣的比喻,我们可以把它想象成"上帝的提示系统 GPS - God's Prompting System"。你要知道的第一件事是凡属神的孩子都拥有这个,这就是说,如果你已经相信耶稣,并邀请祂进入你的心里,你就有了神给你的这个特殊的"导航系统"来帮助你找到生命的道路。



你需要知道的第二件事是,要运行这个神圣的 GPS,你不需要手机或平板电脑或任何电子设备。这个神圣的 GPS 不是你在手机上下载的应用程序,它已经在你里面,因为圣灵住在你里面。让我们翻到约翰福音 14 章 26 节,你可能也想强调一下这一节经文:但天堂的代言者,就是父因我的名所要差来的圣灵,祂要将一切的事指教你们,并且要叫你们想起我对你们所说的一切话。当我们信靠耶稣并邀请祂进入我们的心里时,神就赐给我们祂的圣灵,引导我们,指引我们前进的路。就像我们不用担心手机上有地图会迷路一样,当我们依靠神的圣灵来引导我们的时候,我们也不用担心我们的人生会迷路。



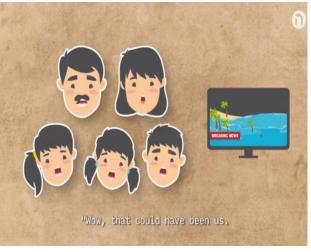
那么,圣灵是如何带领我们的呢?——**圣灵是用温柔的提示方式来带领我们**!这个提示是什么样子的呢?我们如何知道我们什么时候被提示?让我们透过以下一些见证来帮助大家理解。

许多年前,我们教会有一家人在槟榔屿岛度假,他们每天都要在海滩上玩上好几个小时。有一天早上,全家人在海滩上只玩了一会儿,爸爸就想离开了,他想去城里吃午饭。"什么?"孩子们说,"但我们还想继续在海滩玩。"但是爸爸说:"不行!<u>我不知道为什么,但我今天真的很想去城里吃午饭。</u>"于是,全家只好收拾好行李,开车往城里去,要大约一个小时的车程。



那天,海滩上发生了可怕的事,海啸袭击了槟榔屿。就在那天早上,海浪咆哮汹涌而来,使得停留在在海滩上的许许多多的人都处于极大的危难中。这家人在午饭后才听到这个消息。当他们听到所发生的灾难是如此恐怖时,孩子们看着他们的爸爸说:"哇,我们真开心,要不是神与你的肚子对话,我们可能也已经成了受难者!"





爸爸有听到从天堂传来声音说"请离开海滩"吗?并没有。上帝会这样做吗?会的。上帝可以用不同的方式警告我们有危险。有时,警告是响亮而明确的。好消息是,上帝爱我们,祂知道圣灵用何种方式带领我们是最佳的。受圣灵带领是一件美妙的事,圣灵常常是如此温柔,你甚至不知道自己被引领,直到你回头看所发生的事时,你才看到神是如何保护你脱离危险!

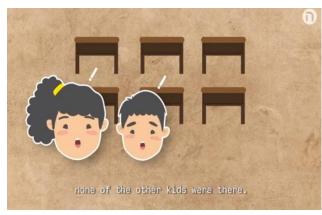
不是只有成年人才会受圣灵带领,我来告诉你发生在一个还在上幼儿园男孩身上的事。这个小男孩他的胃口一直都很好,他总是能把幼儿园提供的食物都吃光光。有一天,<u>当他的午餐端上来的时候,他就是不想吃</u>。他看了看盘子里的食物,用叉子在盘子里戳了几下。"不要玩食物,"他的老师说,"快点吃你的午餐。"但他一点也不想吃,一口都没吃。







第二天早上,当他和妈妈到达幼儿园时,他俩大吃一惊,因为其他孩子都不在。所有前一天吃过幼儿园午餐的人都因为食物中毒而生病了。猜猜妈妈说了什么?——"耶稣,谢谢你保护了我的孩子!"如果你此刻在想:"太好了,现在,我再也不用吃我不喜欢的豌豆了,我就说是神叫我把它们留在盘子里就行了!"亲爱的,如果你是这么想的话,那你还没抓住重点。这份见证不是为了让你不吃完饭,这个见证是关于神如何奇妙地工作来保护祂所爱的孩子!





还有一点需要特别说明一下:我分享的这些见证恰好都是关于食物的,这是否意味着上帝只通过我们的胃与我们对话呢?不都是这样的。有时,圣灵会通过抛出一个念头或想法来提醒一下我们,就像最近发生在我身上的事一样。我正忙着工作,突然想起一个很久没见面的朋友。"哦,我应该找个时间给她打个电话问候一下。"我自言自语的说,然后继续工作,但不知道什么原因,我还是一直在想起她。

于是,与其假装它不存在,我选择给她发了条信息。令我吃惊的是,她几乎马上就回复信息了。那天,我有知道她病了吗?并没有!我所做的只是关注了我所感受到的提示。我感到好开心,那天圣灵带领我为我的这位朋友做了祷告。当我们被圣灵引领时,我们就让神来指引我们,告诉我们该做什么。





好消息是,当我们依靠神来带领我们的时候,我们行走的每一步都是在允许神在对的时间带领我们到对的地方,并且向我们展示所要做的对的事情,以及是用最好的方式去做!激活圣灵运作的一种方法是自我祈祷。我们自我祷告得越多,我们就可以越敏锐地感受到圣灵给我们的提示!

作个以下类比会更容易理解,比如你通过 Wi-Fi 打电话,但信号很弱,你很难听到对方在说什么。想要听清楚,你需要增强 Wi-Fi 信号。当我们<u>自我祈祷</u>时,我们激活了我们里面的圣灵。我们祷告的越多,我们就越能把自己放在一个强烈的信号区,这样,我们不仅能听到,还能听得更清楚!



那么我们今天学到了什么呢?我们学习了神的圣灵会对我们说话!有时,祂会用言语对我们说话,但今天我们学习到,祂也会抛给我们念头和想法,引导我们,保护我们。圣灵的引导是如此温柔,祂从不对我们吼叫,也从不强迫我们跟随祂的道路,祂的引导轻柔得就像把我们往正确的方向轻轻推了一下,就像我们在地图上找到方向一样。为了寻到生命中最好的道路,让圣灵来引路,就像GPS 系统为你提供实时的方向一样,让圣灵——上帝的提示系统 GPS - God's Prompting System 给你实时的帮助,告诉你该做什么和该去哪里。



现在,你既然已经懂得了,那么你会怎么做呢?你就常常<u>自我祈祷</u>,激活神的圣灵,这就像 把地图提示的音量调大一样,你能听得更清楚,还可以避免不必要的错误转弯。最棒的是,你不 必担心不知道要去做什么。先求神指引你,然后留意圣灵提示你该去做什么。例如,你正计划做 某事,但你有种感觉,觉得你应该要等待,并继续留心那个感觉,对神说:"主啊,发生了什么事? 你想让我等一等再行动吗?你想让我做什么呢?"然后相信神会带领你!记住,我们属于一个良 善的上帝,祂爱我们,照顾我们,你可以确信圣灵永远不会促使我们做伤害自己或他人的事。记 住,圣灵是帮助者,祂所指引的路都是出于善,出于带给人平安,祂在这里帮助我们,指引带领 我们,保护我们行走的每一步。当我们有神自己的圣灵来帮助我们引导我们的时候,这是多么奇 妙的事,所有的孩子们一起说:"赞美耶稣!"

孩子们,如果你正在听这个故事,你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命,成为你的主和救主,你现在可以这样做,跟着我重复这个祷告:"亲爱的主耶稣,感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子,你死了,也被埋葬,第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪,使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里,成为我的主和救主,我永远是个义人,永远是有福的,永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名,阿门!"

LED BY THE SPIRIT

But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. – John 14: 26, NKJV

Hey Rock Kidz! Today we are going to talk about maps! We use maps to help us find our way or when we are not too sure which direction to go. These days, when we think of using map we think of this. We type in our starting point ..., ... the destination we want to reach, press 'enter' ... and we can be on our way! The GPS system on your map will show you where you are and what you have to do. When it tells you to 'turn left in 500 meters', you know the next thing you have to do. The good thing about using a navigation system like this is that you don't have to worry about getting lost. Even if you take a wrong turn ... your electronic map automatically re-routes. And tells you how to still find your way to your destination. How good it is when we have a navigation system we can trust! The maps we use on our phones and tablets run on GPS – Global Positioning System.

Today, we want to learn about the "navigation system" that God gives to us when we become his children. Just for fun, we can think about this as "God's Prompting System". The first thing you want to know is that all of God's children have this. This means if you have put your trust in Jesus and invite Him into your heart, you have this special 'navigation system' that God gives you to help you find your way in life.

The second thing you need to know is that to run this heavenly GPS, you don't need a phone or a tablet or any kind of electronic device. No, this heavenly GPS is not an app you download on your phone. It's yours because the Holy Spirit lives in you! let's flip our Bibles to John 14: 26. You might want to highlight this as well. It says: "But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." when we put our trust in Jesus and invite him into our hearts, God gives us His Holy Spirit, to lead us and to show us the way to go. Just like we don't have to worry about getting lost when we have maps on our phones, we don't have to worry not knowing what to do when we depend on God's Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us.

So how does the Holy Spirit lead us? He leads us by gently prompting us. What does this prompting look like, and how do we know when we're being prompted? Here are some testimonies to help you understand.

Many years ago, a family from our church were on holiday on the island of Penang. Every day they played for hours and hours at the beach. One morning, after only a little while at the beach, the dad wanted to leave. He wanted to go for lunch in the city. "what?" the kids said, "But we want to play at the beach!" But the dad said "No. I don't know why but I just really want to eat lunch in the city today!" So, the whole family packed up and drove to the city, about an hour way.

That day, something terrible happened at the beach. It was the day that tsunami hit Penang Island. Many people who at the beach that morning were in great danger when the waves came crashing in. the family only heard the news after their lunch. When they heard how bad it was, the kids looked at their dad and said, "Wow, that could have been us. We are so glad God spoke to your stomach!"

Did the dad hear a voice coming from heaven saying, "get away from the beach!" No. Could God have done it that way? Yes. God can warn us about danger in different ways. Sometimes the warning is loud and clear. The good news is that God loves us and He knows the best way for the holy Spirit to lead us. The lovely thing about being led by the Spirit is that often it is so gentle that you don't even know that you are being led until you look back at what happened and see how God protected you from danger.

Adults are not the only ones who are led by the Spirit. let me tell you what happened to a boy when he was still in preschool. When this boy was still little, he had a good appetite. He would always eat all of the food served at his preschool. One day when his lunch was served, he simply did not feel like eating. He looked at the food on his plate and poked it around with his fork. "Stop playing with your food," his teacher said "hurry up and eat your lunch." But he didn't want any of it, not even a bite.

The next morning when he and his mom arrived at the school, they had a shock, none of the other kids were there. Everyone else who had eaten the school lunch the day before was sick from food poisoning. Guess what the mom said? "Thank you Jesus, for protecting my boy!" If you are now thinking, "Great! Now, I won't ever have to eat my peas again. I shall just say God is telling me to leave them on my plate!" Oh, dear, if that's you then you are missing the point. This testimony is not about getting a free pass from finishing your meals. This testimony is about how wonderfully God works to protect His beloved children!

Here's another thing. These testimonies I shared just so happened to be about food. Does this mean that God only speaks to us through our stomach? No. sometimes the Holy Spirit prompts us by dropping a thought or idea like what happened to me recently. I was busy doing my work ... when I suddenly thought of a friend I hadn't seen for a while. "Oh! I should give her a call one day," I said to myself and I continued to work. But some reason I still kept thinking of her.

So instead of ignoring it, I sent her a text. To my surprise, she replied almost immediately. Did I know she was sick that day? No! All I did was to pay attention to the prompting that I felt. How glad I was that the Holy Spirit led me to pray for my friend that day! When we are led by the Holy Spirit, we allow God to direct us and show us what to do.

The good news is that when we depend on the Lord to lead us, every step of the way, we allow Him to lead us to the right place at the right time, and show us the right thing to do and the best way to do it. One way to activate the Holy Spirit is to pray in tongues. The more we pray in tongues, the more sensitive we are to what the Holy Spirit wants to tell us.

Think of it this way, if you are making a call over Wi-Fi and your signal is weak, it's hard to hear what the other person is saying. To hear properly, you need to boost your Wi-Fi signal. When we pray in tongues, we activate the Holy Spirit in us. The more we pray in tongues, the more we put ourselves in a strong signal zone. This way, not only can we hear, we can hear better as well.

So what have we learned today? We learned that God's Holy Spirit speaks to us. Sometimes He speaks to us in words, but today we learned that He also speaks to us by dropping us thoughts and ideas that lead us and often protects us. The Holy Spirit's leading is so gentle that He never yells at us or forces us to follow His way. His leading is so gentle that is like a little nudge in the right direction, just like the directions we get on our maps. For the best route in life, let the Holy Spirit lead the way! Just as the GPS system works you real time directions, the Holy Spirit – God's Prompting System gives you real time help to show you what to do and where to go.

So what do you do now that you know this? You pray in tongues and activate God's Holy spirit in you. this is like turning up the volume on your maps. You hear better and you can avoid taking unnecessary wrong turns. Best of all, you don't have to worry about not knowing what to do. Ask the lord to lead you and then pay attention to what the Holy Spirit Prompts to do. For example, you plan to do something, but you just feel you should wait, then pay attention to that thought. Say, "What's up, Lord? Do You want me to wait before I act? What do You want me to do?" and then trust Him to guide you. Remember we belong to a good, good God who loves us and takes good care of us. You can be sure that the Holy Spirit will never ever prompt us to do something that will bring us or other people harm. Remember, the Holy Spirit is the

helper. All His ways are good, and all His ways are peace. He is here to help us, to guide us, to lead us and protect us every step of the way. How wonderful it is when we have God's own Holy Spirit to help us, to lead us and guide us. And all of the Rock Kidz say, "Praise Jesus!"

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus'name," and everyone say, "Amen."