

### I. Rules for the Road

- A. The PA driver's manual is produced so that we know the rules of the road and can remain \_\_\_\_\_ while driving.
- B. There are five \_\_\_\_\_ of the road for life that help us move forward.
  - 1. Don't travel alone.
  - 2. Don't pick up strangers.
  - 3. Choose the destination and get somebody's map.
  - 4. Pay attention to the signs.
  - 5. Don't carry unnecessary baggage.

### II. Routine Maintenance

- A. There are times in our spiritual lives that we just need to be cleaned out and made \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We should fill up our tank by being in \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Built for a Purpose

- A. Cars and trucks are built for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. God created us out of his love, so that we would do \_\_\_\_\_ works.
- C. Like any road trip, there will be setbacks in the Christian life. But we don't \_\_\_\_\_ up.
- D. Don't be like a car that is never \_\_\_\_\_. Live out your purpose.

### ***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *June 30 – July 5, 2025*

## INTRODUCTION

In 2006, Disney and Pixar came out with an animated movie called Cars. Rascal Flatts' contribution to the soundtrack, a song called "Life is a Highway," highlights how driving and the adventures on the road are a picture of what our life journey is supposed to be about. If that's the case, what can help us have a successful journey in life?

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### Monday: Isaiah 58:1-10

The people to whom Isaiah 58 first spoke were very publicly fasting (verse 5). Fasting can be a beneficial spiritual practice, but theirs only seemed to go skin-deep. Verses 3-4 noted sadly that the pious "fasters" kept exploiting their workers and fighting each other. How do verses 6 and 7 speak to your heart and your life today? What are specific, day-to-day ways in which you and your church can act to bring about God's justice in the world?

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### Tuesday: Matthew 5:13-16, Colossians 3:17

Jesus emphasized that his followers should be "salt" and "light" in the world, making a positive difference in their communities. Salt preserves and enhances; light illuminates and guides. These metaphors challenge us to consider the impact of our daily lives on those around us. How can you be "salt" and "light" in your everyday interactions this week? What small, intentional actions could you take to bring out the best in others or shed light on a difficult situation?

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### Wednesday: Micah 6:6-8

Micah kept ironically proposing bigger and bigger sacrifices in verses 6-7 to try to please God. He ended with child sacrifice, a ghastly practice among some of Israel's neighbors. What do the three divine requirements Micah listed tell you about what God is like? "To walk" was the Hebrew way to identify a person's daily lifestyle. In what ways does your everyday life reflect your choice to "walk humbly" with your God?

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### Thursday: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus used "religious officials" as the example for anyone who claims a connection with God yet lives daily like everyone else. Where do you see yourself in the story? Are you the priest or Levite? Are you the Samaritan, despised by the priest and Levite? Are you like the beaten man, just hoping for any help? Jesus called us to become like "the one who demonstrated mercy." How do you (or could you) let God's love for you make you daily ready to offer caring and healing?

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### Friday: Ephesians 2:8-10

To what extent have God's priorities become not just an occasional exercise that you do when there's a special church activity, but woven into "the way that we live our lives"? How open are you to letting God continue to shape the way you live the "secular" parts of your life - driving, shopping, business activities, playing and watching sports, and the like?

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## MOVING FORWARD

If we want to reach our destination safely, we need to understand the "rules of the road":

1. Don't travel alone.
2. Don't pick up strangers.
3. Choose the destination and get somebody's map.
4. Pay attention to the signs.
5. Don't carry unnecessary baggage.

Not only do we need to understand the rules of the road, but we need routine maintenance through praying for forgiveness and regularly doing our spiritual practices. And, finally, like a car's purpose is to be driven, we need to live out our purpose to be salt and light in the world. This will help us reach our destination safely.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) safe, B) rules. IIA) new, B) worship. IIIA) purpose, IIIB) good, C) give, D) driven.*