

Pothole Prayers: Inviting God To Fill the Gap

1. Ask God to reveal your unique path.

"Point out the road I must travel; I'm all ears, all eyes before you...Lead me by your blessed Spirit into cleared and level pastureland." -Psalm 143:8-9

"The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road. The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes." -Psalm 19:7, 8

"Train me, God, to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path. Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear." -Psalm 86:11-12

2. Focus on Jesus, not the bumps in the road!

"People with their minds set on you, you keep completely whole. Steady on their feet, because they keep at it and don't quit. Depend on God and keep at it because in the Lord God you have a sure thing" -lsaiah 26:5-6

"Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way... When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!" -Hebrews 12:2-3

3. Trust that God's way is right, even when it looks difficult or uncertain.

"Everything God does is right—the trademark on all his works is love. -Psalm 145:17

"Take a good hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do." -Hebrews 3:1-2

4. Meditate on how **BIG** God is, and the potholes will look SMALLER

"Look who's here: Mountain-Shaper! Wind-Maker! He laid out the whole plot before Adam. He brings everything out of nothing, like dawn out of darkness. He strides across the alpine ridges. His name is God, God-of-the-Angel-Armies." -Amos 4:13

"You'll find nothing and no one quite like God. The holy angels are in awe before him; he looms immense and august over everyone around him.God-of-the-Angel-Armies, who is like you, powerful and faithful from every angle? You put the arrogant ocean in its place and calm its waves when they turn unruly...You own the cosmos—you made everything in it, everything from atom to archangel... With your well-muscled arm and your grip of steel—nobody trifles with you!" -Psalm 86:6-18

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