

As I was preparing for our Bible study on "Direction and Guidance," I got to the first question in the chapter: How do you keep peace so you can hear from God?

I had been reading all of the different lessons that we were asked to read and the thing that was so apparent to me in this teaching, as I was reading the Bible, is that sometimes we focus on everything that we do wrong. My big "aha moment" was the realization that the Bible can also teach us how we are doing things right! It was so powerful I had to stop.

This truth brought me so much joy, because I realized I could read the words of the Lord and recognize what I was doing *right*. I think the main point I learned and why I am sharing this story with the group is: I believe we tend to over-focus on everything we do wrong. What I learned is that the Bible can also teach us how we are on the right track, heading in the right direction!

Here is an example of how I realized this. When God talks about how we pray, He asks us to be grateful for everything in our lives. I may have a day when I go through ups and downs. Like today for instance, I have a plane trip that I have to make this afternoon for my work. As I get on the plane and as it takes off I will ask God to help me recognize and give me the opportunity to live His word and live in gratitude. On my return flight, I will pray the same prayer. I'll pray and seek God for the day and for every opportunity and every word that I hear. I'll thank Him for the opportunity I had to share something with someone, my small part in loving others. This is something I do while flying.

When I read the Bible this morning, it was a confirmation to me, because I do show gratitude. It was such a blessing to me to be able to realize I was on the right track. This "aha moment" was a part of His grace, revealed to me.

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