



My view vs. God's view:

When I look at the road in life that I am traveling I only see the area before me and behind me. I am like the car traveling down the road. The driver cannot see what is coming around the next corner. When the road is new to the traveler, he isn't even assured that there is a road around the next bend. The road could have been washed away in a storm or be under construction, causing him to detour. God views my path in life like a GPS system. All the paths are mapped out and He knows what direction to take at each intersection to lead me to my destination. Sometimes he chooses to send me on the "scenic" route instead of down the expressway. He also knows the road conditions at any moment in my life. He is never surprised by a mudslide, nor does He allow that slide to take me on detours that He hasn't already mapped out. Sometimes I try to navigate my life by using a map borrowed from someone else's experiences but that doesn't work all the time. It may keep me from running off the cliff by warning me of severe curves, but it doesn't tell me which fork to take when I come to it. Maps are a rough guide and don't show all the details. They also don't change once they have been made to reflect changing conditions. They are only as good and accurate as their creator can make them, or wants to bother with. The scale of the map also determines how much detail it can include. The smaller the area covered by the map, the more detail that can be included. There are also areas of extreme confusion that are identified and drawn larger and separately (blown up) to allow the user to get the detail that the large map would have left out.

The Bible is my road map. There are a lot of places where little detail is included and I get to be surprised; while other areas are spelled out so clearly that every curve is included. Thank You Lord for the places You do "blow up" so that I am warned about every treacherous corner.

Thanks also for the less detailed map sections where I have to "tune in to my GPS" to get important updates and instructions!

