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Podcast Worksheet Are you Paying Attention to the Signs? Getting off Pride Pathway and on Trust Trail

Scriptural Texts:

Proverbs 4:11, 26-27; 14:12; 15:9-10; 16:18; 23:19; Jeremiah 6:16

Main Points:

- 1. Trust Trail is God's way, the ancient path that has existed from the beginning of time.
- 2. Pride Pathway is going our own way, away from God's plan for us.
- 3. Frequently in God's Word, he tells us to pay attention to his direction and information signs.
- 4. Our freedom, success, and satisfaction are all determined by whether we travel on Trust Trail.
- 5. Pride Pathway leads to pain and suffering, and even death.
- 6. Pride is our most persistent enemy, believing it knows better than God.
- 7. The Spirit of self in us (our pride), fights with the Spirit of God, living his children.
- 8. Our pride is defeated by a series of choices to deny ourselves and choose God's way.
- 9. Temptation Crossroads, the place where the road divides, is the point we must choose which road.
- 10. If we're going to stay on Trust Trail, we must study the map and the sign posts (the Bible).
- 11. We're meant to live this life in fellowship with others, not alone, because we need the support of other Christians.
- 12. God has a good way for all of us, if we will only choose to believe him and follow him.

Questions:

- 1. What are some choices you have made to travel on Trust Trail? What were the consequences?
- 2. What are some choices you have made to travel on Pride Pathway? How well did that turn out?
- 3. Read today's scriptural texts. What truths can you glean to help you stay on Trust Trail?

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, I confess to you that I have made prideful choices at times and have ignored your truth. Specifically, I have ... (share your responses from question #2). Forgive me for my pride. I want to go a new way, but I need your help to stay on Trust Trail. Please lead me and strengthen me and give me discipline to read your Word every day. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to ____