Navigators in the 1970-1990’s

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I. Introduction.

A. The 70s.

B. The 80s.

1. The Navigators progressed toward their aim of multiplying laborers in every nation. In 1982 there are over 2000 staff of 31 nationalities.

2. The Navigators minister in over 600 locations.

3. The imperatives of the Eighties.

   1. Pray.
   2. Focus on laborers.
   3. Qualify equippers.
   4. Build leadership of staff.
   5. Make missionaries.
   6. Develop women’s ministry.
   7. Build up the body of Christ.
   8. Seek a sound financial strategy.

B. Promises for the 90s.

   1. Lengthen the cords and strengthen the steaks - God will expand tents. (Isaiah 54:1-3)
   2. A little one will become a thousand. (Isaiah 43:4-7)

II. Relaxing in the Lord. (Psalm 119)

A. The psalmist was centered on the Word and was a God-centered person. All the more startling then is his assertion that he has gone astray.

B. We have gone astray like lost sheep.

   1. Even the Godly go astray.
   2. We stray in our words and thoughts.
3. We go astray in our deeds - what we do and what we should have done.

C. We must ask the Lord to bring us back instead of trying to make it on our own.
   1. This is grace.
   2. We are to let God do something for us.
   3. This allows us to relax.

D. We keep his commandments.
   1. The commandments are built into us.
   2. We were made to be obedient and can relax in what we were made to do.

Application questions

1. What is surprising about the Psalmist?

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2. How does God address the issue of sin?

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3. How will you relax in regards to the burdens of the law and commandments in light of the message?

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