

Set Your GPS. Your GPS helps you get around to the places where you want to be.

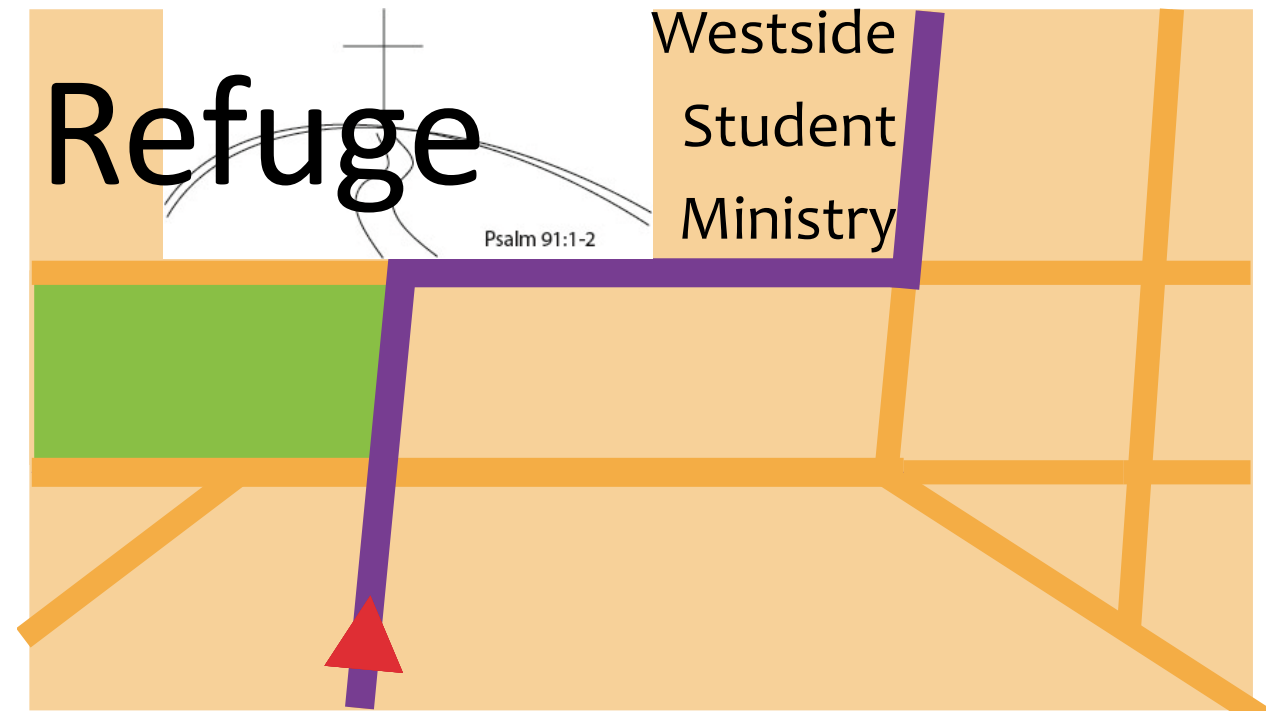
GPS stands for Global Positioning Satellite. The satellite finds your position and relays it back to where you are in relation to your goal. What about your Spiritual GPS? What is your Spiritual GPS, that helps you navigate through all of life's ups and downs. I hope that you have found God's word to be the best Spiritual GPS. It is what you use to answer to the basic questions of life like; Why Am I here? What's my purpose? What is my destiny?

Your Spiritual GPS will take you to the place where God wants you to be and help you find those places of **REFUGE** in life. God doesn't want you to stay locked up in the church all your life not having any impact in the world, There will be times when you use your GPS to go out in the world on a mission in your school, your neighborhood, and around the world.

God wants to take you on some amazing adventures if you will follow Him and His route for your life.



1. [Ask God for help.](#)
www.matthew26:41.com
Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.
2. [Look for a way out.](#)
www.1corinthians10:13.com
No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
3. [Rejoice.](#)
www.james1:2.com
Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...



Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!!

Gwinnett Gladiators Hockey Game

Friday, January 20th @ 6:00pm. Tickets are \$20 each and include a Pizza or Hotdog and a drink. Tickets buy themselves are \$17. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and return around 10:00 to 10:30pm after the game. You must sign up by Wednesday, January 18th if you plan to attend or ticket prices go up!!

Gwinnett Area Disciple Now

It's just a few months away. March 2-3 we will be combining with 17 other churches for our annual D-Now. You won't want to miss this year with speaker **Pete Hixson** and worship with **Unhindered**. Cost is \$30 per person and includes a T-Shirt and food. You must sign up by February 19th if you are participating.





Samson: A Story of Peer Pressure

Before there was the WWE and WCW, the Terminator, Rocky Balboa, and Dirty Harry there was an original tough guy in the Bible. His name was Samson, as you may have guessed from the large title above. Samson was a leader for the Hebrews for 20 years and He caused some trouble for some of his enemies. He once caught 300 foxes tied them together in pairs with torches and sent them into the enemy vineyards to be destroyed. (Judges 15:4) He also killed 30 men in anger after losing a bet. (Judges 14:19), and perhaps he was best know for killing 1,000 Philistine men with a Donkey's jawbone. (Judges 15:15) after willingly surrendering to the enemy to save his own people.

If you want to read all about Samson you will find his story in [Judges 13-16](#). But, tonight we will focus on the weak side of Samson. There was one thing that Samson struggled with and it eventually led to his own downfall, [A WEAK MIND](#).

“I’m a Nasserite” – “Well good for you, what exactly is that?”

Samson was Nasserite. Nasserites were people in the Old Testament times that were chosen for special purposes or tasks to lead the Israelites. For a list of the qualifications to be a Nasserite see [Numbers 6:1-21](#). They were not allowed to have any wine or alcohol. To eat anything that came from the fruit of the vine. They could not cut their hair, or go near a dead body.

A Nasserite was someone who was set apart, to be different. Above and beyond the crowd of ordinary people. Think about it for a minute, isn't that what God has chosen for you as a disciple of Jesus. You are called to be different, not to be like everyone else in your school. We all have to live in the world, but we don't have to live like the world.

Example: Thermometer vs. Thermostat – Which one are you? Do you read the current temperature or set it?

In what ways are you like your non-church friends? What ways are you different?

Peer Pressure Is For Life

Peer Pressure is more of an issue when you are young because by the time you are older you have set some principals and convictions in which you live your life by. While you are young you are still setting those and learning from your limited experience. But, don't just think that when you are older the peer pressure will go away, it doesn't. The world is still going to try and pull you down with itself into the preverbal toilet of life.

Illustration: The life and Times of Benjamin Button

Samson had a weakness in the area of women. He did several things that were not good for himself. He married a Philistine woman who didn't have the same beliefs and convictions as he did. (Judges 14:1-2) He liked the company of prostitutes (Judges 16:1) and then there was Delilah a bad choice of character. You might even say that he had “anger management” issues with all the killing he did. (Judges 15:7-8). Samson had NO self-control, he just went around doing as he pleased without thought of consequences.

Plankton Wants the Secret Krabby Patty Recipe!!



If you have ever seen an episode of SpongeBob you know that Plankton is always trying to steal the Krabby Patty recipe. Samson had a secret to his strength too. This part of the story is always humorous to me. Samson was not the brightest crayon in the box. Here is a woman Delilah who is able to trick him 4 times into finally telling her his secret of his strength.



7 New Thongs (16:7) - This is not underwear. (A Thong was the bow string from a bow and arrow.)



New Ropes (16:11)



Weave my hair into 7 strands and trap me (16:13)



Just give me a haircut (16:17)

Do you think you would have figured out before Samson did? Maybe, maybe not. The important thing to notice here is the constant pressure that he faced from Delilah and others. (Judges 14:17, 16:16) He basically didn't do anything to protect or remove himself from temptation. The Bible says that these ladies “pressed” him for 7 days straight, Delilah “nagged” him until he become tired of it..

Fast-Forwarding to our times, do you think times are any different? The world is always pulling at you to lower your standards or to participate in things that are not godly. The question is will you give up or keep on trusting and holding on to God and your relationship when you get knocked down or tempted.

Example: College Freshman Year and Alcohol

God Works Through Us, Despite of Us

Well, after reading all these different scriptures and learning why it's important to be different, you may find yourself saying it's too late for me. Let me encourage you a little, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE to change and start living your life the way God intended you to live. TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

We all make mistakes, hopefully we all learn from those mistakes too. We know God can use our mistakes to bring Himself glory or to accomplish His will.

God used the fact that Samson choose to marry a Philistine woman to help free the Israelites from the rule of them. (Judges 14:4) And He also gave Samson the last laugh when it came to many of the Philistines who thought that they had been delivered from Samson. Samson killed more people the day he sacrificed himself than all the other times combined. (Judges 16:30)

Is there anything you need to ask God to forgive you of doing? Is there something that you have been pulled into doing just like the rest of the world? Now is the time to make it right!

