**Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27 (NKJV)**

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**When Life Doesn’t Make Sense**  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**

It was the spring of 1997. In May, I graduated from pharmacy school and was facing a crucial career decision. I had been seeking the Lord's direction for the previous year. The decision deadline was looming two days away. I decided to fast for the very first time. I packed my Bible, paper, and pen in my backpack and went to climb Stone Mountain in Atlanta, Georgia. After a half day of fasting, praying, and reading, the only passage that I was repeatedly drawn to was Proverbs 3:5-6 (“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all your ways, and He will make your paths straight”). My response was, “Gee, thanks, God. How is this ever going to help? I need direction. I know You have the answer. How about sharing it with me?” As you may guess, my life wasn't making sense. Amazingly, within two hours of climbing down the mountain, the phone (land line) rang. The U.S. Army called and provided the verdict. I did not even know they had my new phone number. Noon the next day was the deadline to submit my application to test with the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. The timing of the events still sends chills down my spine. What once seemed to be a remotely applicable answer from God turned into the best possible answer at the most precise time and innumerable times during my life.

For me, a lot of life doesn't make sense. I pray, request prayer from others, study Scripture, and plan. Although many decisions and circumstances are out of my control, they are fully under God's control. What I once viewed as a generalized, directionless passage has turned into a life verse providing comfort and peace during times of intensely painful and confusing circumstances. He brings sense to my life when an unbeliever may only see nonsense.

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