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Series: The Principle of the Path

Today's Message: Should've Seen That Coming

Three Truths:

1. Many want a solution to their problems but don't want to see how they have _____ to follow in the wrong direction.
2. "Direction - not _____ - determines our destination." ~Andy Stanley
3. "We win or lose by the _____ we choose."

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#1. Two Options From Proverbs

Proverbs 27:12 "*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.*"

◆ Two kinds of people—both headed down the _____ path but have such different results!

1. "prudent" - A wise person, understands that all of life is _____ - so he looks down the road when making decisions and sees consequences.

Wise Question: "In light of my past experience, and my _____ hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do?"

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2. "simple" - A naïve person, who lives as though life is disconnected, like there's no connection between today's _____ and tomorrow's experiences.

◆ The simple do "see danger" too—but take no evasive action and keep on going.

Examples:

- * Eat things you know you'll regret
- * Every time you _____ to your spouse

#2. Course Correction

Two Realities:

1. The prudent sees danger and act on what they see; the simple see danger but keep on going.
⇒ Seeing danger but doing nothing—accomplishes nothing.
2. The prudent identify behaviors turning into habits—and do something while they can.

#3. The Final Analysis

Proverbs 27:12 "*... the simple keep going and suffer for it.*"

Why Suffer?

- * For being oblivious to the obvious
- * For refusing to act on what they see
- * For living as if there is no connection between the choices of today and experiences of tomorrow
- * They overlook the fact that every path has a destination

What to Expect: The prudent take refuge, they act, and eventually breathe a sigh of relief instead of a life filled with regrets.