



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: Guidance Needed  
Suggested Week of Use: March 10, 2024  
Core Passage: Genesis 24:12-20,24-27

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### News Story Summary

When global positioning systems, or GPS, first appeared, they were quickly hailed as veritable lifesavers, especially for the directionally challenged. Over time, GPS has become a mainstay in society, with printed maps replaced by a seemingly superior system that provides up-to-date guidance for everybody from astronauts to bus drivers. As much as we have come to depend on them to prevent us from heading unwittingly into a traffic jam or driving in circles, though, GPS is not a fail-safe solution.

According to *Space News*, GPS has vulnerabilities that bad actors can penetrate. Such spoofing and jamming pose dire consequences that go far beyond getting lost or not arriving somewhere on time. For example, interference with aircraft and military operations could be devastating. In response, some agencies have begun exploring the use of jam-resistant receivers and other alternatives in case GPS goes down. While progress has been made, the Space Force is looking for support from commercial technology to advance back-up options.

For more about this story, search “Backing up vulnerable GPS.”

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, divide adults into groups of three or four and direct each group to plan a road trip. Encourage them to make a detailed list of all preparations, including where they will go and what they will need (such as, clothing, food, or other resources). Encourage the group to use GPS information to find the best route, as well as gas stations, restaurants, and lodging. After a few minutes, allow volunteers to share. Talk about how important GPS is to our lives despite its imperfections. Invite the group to share stories of how GPS failed to steer them to the correct destination. Share the information from the article about backing up GPS. Point out that planning and wise decision-making are critical life skills. Note that this session reminds us that we serve a God who gives perfect guidance whenever we look to Him for help.

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, remind the group that we can't always count on GPS. Say: *Likewise, any life plan that ignores God's specific guidance is subject to failure.* Stress that unless we seek God's plan, we risk wandering aimlessly through life. Note that, as Isaac and Rebekah discovered, God will reveal and order our next steps if we seek Him and if we will trust His protection and provision.