

## DITCHES AND DETOURS

**ON OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, WE END UP IN A DITCH BECAUSE OF OUR OWN \_\_\_\_\_.**

*You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors..."*  
(Proverbs 5:12-13)

### ■ How do we end up in the ditch?

*You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? (James 4:4-5)*

### ■ How do we get out of the ditch?

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

**DETOURS HAPPEN AS A RESULT OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.**

*I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.*  
(Proverbs 4:11)

### ■ What do we do when we encounter a detour?

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)*

**QUESTION: DO YOU VIEW YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH THE PRISM OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, OR DO YOU VIEW GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH THE PRISM OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES?**

**E-Check: EMBRACING INTIMACY WITH GOD**