

## ROAD LESS TRAVELED

### TODAY'S READING

You [Lord] will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. -  
Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

One evening on my drive home from school, I encountered heavy traffic due to construction; so I set my phone's GPS on "avoid highway" and embarked on a new route. About 30 minutes into my drive I lost the signal, and my GPS was no longer working. There I was, in the middle of the mountains, with no clue how to get home. I knew that I was still at least an hour away.

As I continued to drive with no signal or knowledge of my location, I felt an overwhelming — but uncustomary — sense of peace. I just drove. I assumed I would end up somewhere familiar or eventually get my signal back. I have never felt so content in the midst of so much uncertainty. It was a beautiful drive. I took in all that was around me — horses, mountains, waterfalls, and so much natural beauty. It would be hard not to see God in such a journey.

While driving that evening, I realized how often the stresses and worries of everyday life distract me from being present to the beauty and joyful moments of life on earth. Sadly, I often miss them. That day was a reminder that our worry can keep us from seeing the fullness of what God provides.

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear God, when we are overwhelmed with panic, help us to seek your peace. Amen.