

A WORD WITH YOU - By Ron Hutchcraft

10211 – “Going Not Knowing”

Acts 9:3

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Mystery rides were part of growing up at our house. Usually it was a Sunday afternoon, and I'd pile our three kids into our car for a ride. I think we explored every corner of our area. And as we did, we discovered over the years, a lot of great things. But I've got one son who's a lot like me. He wants to know the plan before we leave.

“Hey, Dad, where are we going? Where are we going to eat? What are we going to eat? What are we going to do while we're there? How long will we be there? What time are we going to get home?” He would pump me with more questions; I felt like I was being interrogated by a police sergeant. Sometimes I knew it was better not to explain where we were going. I mean we've done things that would have sounded boring if I had told about them, but they turned out to be exciting and I knew they would. Plus surprises are fun anyway. So, my kids got used to hearing two words when we were about to begin a mystery trip, “Trust me.” I don't think I let them down. It was good training for journeys with their other Father.

I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have **A WORD WITH YOU** today about **“Going Not Knowing.”**

Our word for today from the Word of God comes from the life of the Apostle Paul; he's still Saul of Tarsus here. Acts chapter 9, he's on his way to wipe out Christians. He missed some in Jerusalem. So he said, “I'll get them in Damascus. They all went there; I'll find them in Syria.” We begin in verse 3, “As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?’ ‘Well, who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked. ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. ‘Now, get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’”

Now, it's interesting that Saul's training for his whole life in Christ began immediately with a mystery trip. Yeah, did you notice that? He has just opened up to Jesus, and the Lord says, “Go into the city and you will be told.” “Lord, what do you want me to do there? Who am I going to meet there? How am I even going to be able to see; I'm blind right now?” The Lord says, “Go and you will be told.” Well, he spent the rest of his life living like that.

In Acts chapter 20, when he was on his way to Jerusalem as the great Apostle Paul and his friends were trying to discourage him, he said, “Compelled by the Spirit, I am going not knowing.” See, you have a heavenly Father who often takes His children on mystery trips. Maybe you're on one of His mystery trips right now. There's a good destination

He's got in mind, but right now He's telling you just the next step. In essence, He's saying to you as He did to Saul, "Go, and you will be told as you are on the way."

It may well be that you're in the middle of one of those times right now, and the tendency is to say, "Now, Lord, if you'll just give me all the information, give me all the facts, I'll start going that direction." And the Lord says, "No, you start moving in that direction I've told you to go, and you'll get more information as you go."

Now, maybe you're waiting to have all your questions answered before you move, and right now there are more question marks than there are periods or exclamation points for sure. Can you almost hear your Father saying as He bundles you into His car, "Trust Me, let's start traveling together."

Hey, He died for you. Is He ever going to do you wrong? God's mystery trips always lead to a destination that is selected with you in mind, for your good. So, why not settle back, enjoy the trip, and let Him drive. Trust your Father and don't be afraid of going not knowing.

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