Don't mistake someone's description of how God led them as a prescription for how He will lead you

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"God leads in mysterious ways," the old saying reads. He spoke through a donkey to Balaam to thwart his disobedience. He commanded Phillip to leave the revival he was conducting and go into the desolate desert. He charged Elijah to lie on the body of a dead boy to raise him from the dead. And He instructed Elisha to throw salt into bitter water to purify it, making it sweet.

You may know someone who, in following a strange inspiration from God, received great blessing and success from God. But before you march out and start lying on the dead, get your own word from God for you and your situation. These accounts of God's intervention were prescriptions for their particular situations and circumstances, but for you, they are merely descriptions of God's special leading in others' lives. Like these men of God, seek Him for your situation and need. Search for God with all your heart. But, listen for your prescription from Him for your circumstance. It will precisely meet your need and be just what the Doctor ordered.

Prayer for Today

Father, I see the boldness and awesome faith my spiritual forefathers practiced, and I am awed. I admire them and want to possess the same faith and courage in my own life. Help me to discover that devotion and obedience in You through hearing Your plan for my life. Speak to me by Your Spirit and through Your Word. Give me the prescription for the particular needs of my life.

Scriptures for Today

Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. (NKJV)