

**Sermon Title:** Psalms: From the Heart, Part XVIII 6.7.2026

**Themes:** Knowing that you know and living accordingly. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at [trinitycg.org](http://trinitycg.org).

**Focus Question:** Where are you going?

**Sermon Points:**

### 1. God's guidance.

**Psalm 16:1-11** <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

God gives David counsel and his heart instructs him in the night. When you walk closely with God, His wisdom gets internalized. Your conscience becomes shaped by His voice.

Lane keeping technology uses forward-facing cameras on the windshield or side mirrors to detect lane markings. When the vehicle drifts too close to a lane line, the system alerts you about potential lane departures by vibrating the steering wheel and providing steering assistance to guide the car back to the lane's center. Spiritually, God's Word is your forward-facing camera that guides you back to the center of God's will.

### 2. Scriptural stability.

**Verse 8** describes a significant stability principle. David sets the Lord before him. Therefore, he is not shaken. This is intentional focus. That's the discipline of attention, which is key to spiritual resilience. Those who see life from God's perspective are difficult to shake. Storms may come, but their inner world stays anchored.

### 3. From refuge to prophecy.

**Psalm 16:9-11** <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16 announces this stunning promise in **verse 11: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.** This is not temporary happiness but fullness of joy. That's resurrection language.

Psalm 16 is a blueprint for the life of a believer walking closely with God. Peter quotes Psalm 16 and says David was speaking prophetically about the Messiah (**Acts 2:25–28**). Peter's argument is that David died and was buried, so the promise about not seeing corruption must refer to someone else, who is Jesus Christ. This means the early church saw Psalm 16 as resurrection prophecy, not just personal devotion. Paul quoted Psalm 16 in **Acts 13:34–37**. Paul explains that David served God in his generation, died, was buried, and his body saw corruption. Christ rose and His body did not see corruption. As Matthew Henry notes, "God had promised to David that he would raise up the Messiah of his seed. This promise could not have its accomplishment in David but looked forward to Christ." Peter and Paul used Psalm 16 as evidence for the resurrection. They viewed Psalm 16 as one of the core Old Testament proofs of the Good News of the Messiah. **Psalm 77:11–12, Proverbs 4:18, and Isaiah 43:18–19.**

**Reflection:** Lord, help me to more sincerely reflect on the truth and implications of Your word.