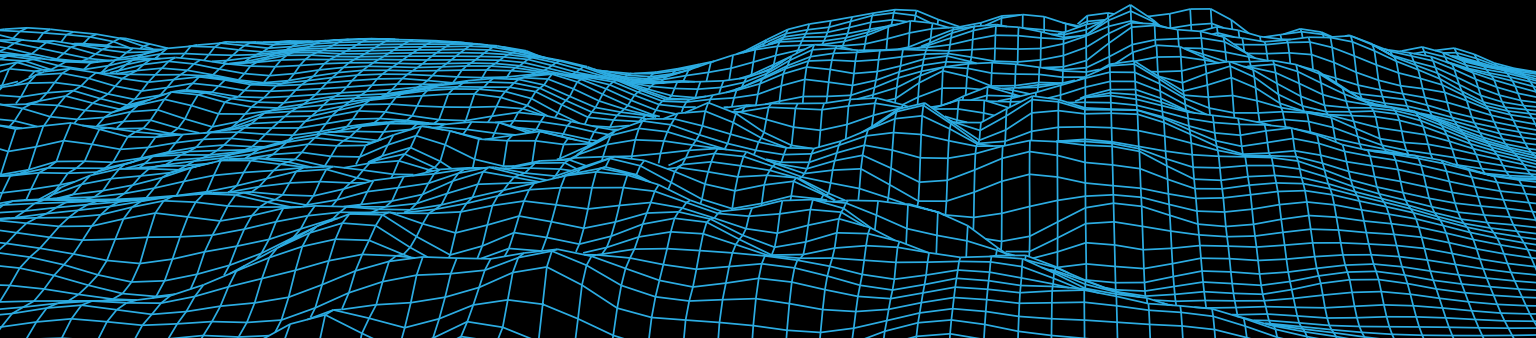


WEEK 2

PICK A PATH



LAUNCH PAD

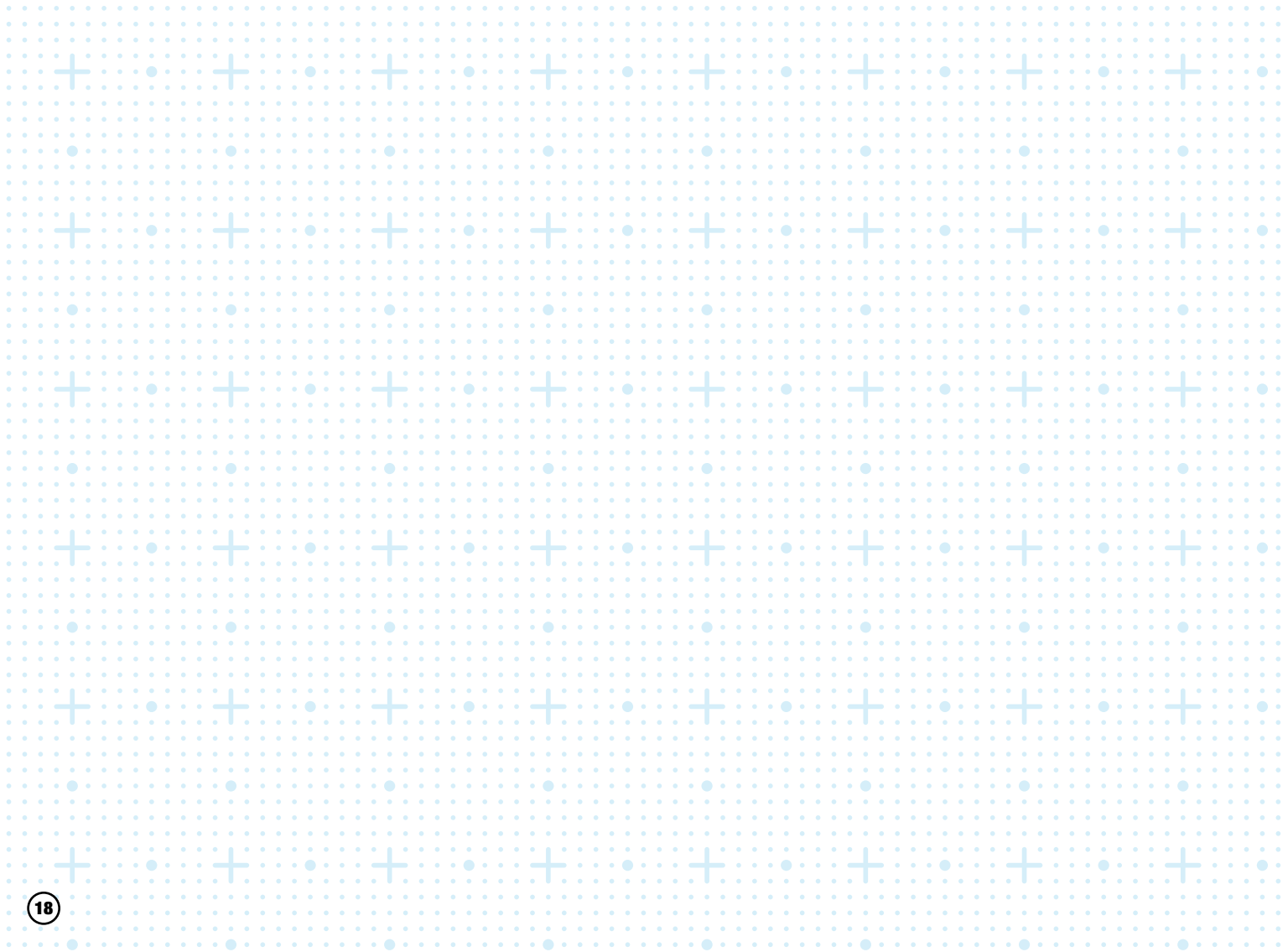
Just because John F. Kennedy had a big vision of getting a man to the moon didn't mean it would actually happen. It takes more than good intentions to get to a desired destination. A team of scientists, engineers, and mathematicians understood this. They would need to use what they knew about physics and thermodynamics to their advantage in order to get the astronauts to the moon and back. That's how God designed the universe to work. There are certain laws and principles that exist that we can't cheat or change, but we can choose whether we utilize them or not.

- If you had to choose between writing a paper for an English class, doing a math test, or figuring out a science experiment, which would you choose and why?
- Do you know any laws of physics or thermodynamics off the top of your head? If so, share them with the group (and we probably know how you answered the last question!). If not, Google it and see if you can find one or two you recognize.

LIFTOFF

WATCH THIS WEEK'S VIDEO.

Use the space below to take notes (or doodle, whatever works best for you).



STATUS REPORT

The Principle of the Path says our direction, not our intention or even individual choices, determines our destination. Our overall path will tell us where we're going.

- Where have you seen the Principle of the Path play out in your past or in the lives of people close to you, either for good or for bad?
- If it's less about individual choices and more about the path we're on, how would you know what path you are on? What would be some indicators to know if it's a good path or a bad one?

Read **Matthew 7:24-27** and **Proverbs 3:5-6**.

- In the story from Matthew, how were both men's choices alike? What were they hoping to accomplish? What similar actions did they take?
- What made them different? How can we see the Principle of the Path play out in their lives?
- What do you think it practically means to be wise? Define this word.
- What do you think it practically means to be foolish? Define this word.
- What is involved in trusting in the Lord and not leaning on our own understanding? What does that actually look like?

The Principle of the Path is at work in all areas of our lives, whether we know it or not. Take time individually to do the **Diagnostic Activity** on the next page to assess your current life trajectory. Then, discuss the following questions together:

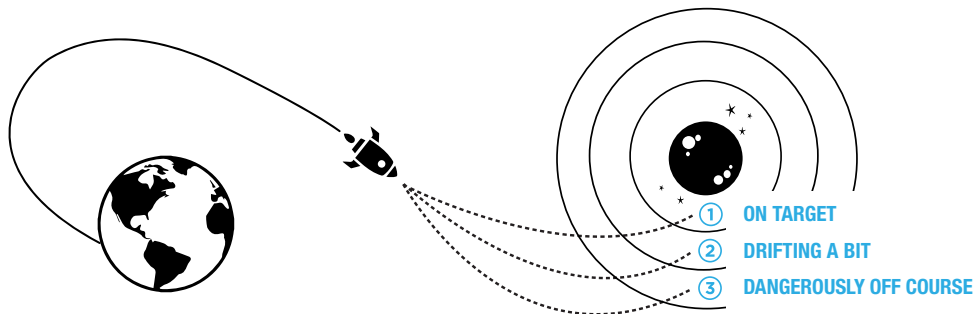
- Where do you feel like you are on a great trajectory in your life? What can you celebrate?
- Is there an area where you feel like you might be moving in the wrong direction? Where do you need to redirect?
- Like the man who built on the rock, changing directions may be a process that takes time. How can you get started this week?

Close in prayer, asking for God's wisdom and for Him to make your path straight. Also, point out the *Daily Quest* reflections that can be done during the week.

DIAGNOSTIC ACTIVITY

TRAJECTORY ASSESSMENT

For the following areas of life, think about the path you are on and where it's taking you. Will your current trajectory take you to your intended destination and preferred future in that area, or if you map it all the way to the end, is it taking you somewhere you wouldn't want to be? Circle the number that best represents that area's trajectory on pages 20-21.



FINANCES:

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Describe your preferred future in this area. What adjustments are needed (if any) to get there?

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CAREER:

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Describe your preferred future in this area. What adjustments are needed (if any) to get there?

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ROMANCE/DATING/MARRIAGE:

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Describe your preferred future in this area. What adjustments are needed (if any) to get there?

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PARENTING:

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Describe your preferred future in this area. What adjustments are needed (if any) to get there?

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FRIENDSHIPS:

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Describe your preferred future in this area. What adjustments are needed (if any) to get there?

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SPIRITUAL LIFE:

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Describe your preferred future in this area. What adjustments are needed (if any) to get there?

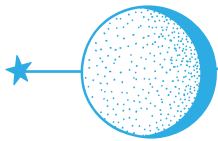
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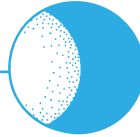
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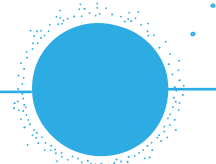
DAILY QUEST



DAY 1



DAY 2



DAY 3

READ

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

REFLECT

Ask that God would make your path straight. Submit today's plans to His good purposes.

READ

PSALM 119:99-100

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

REFLECT

Where do you need insight and wisdom today? Ask God to give you understanding.

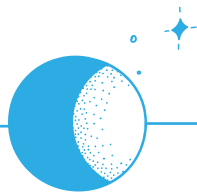
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PSALM 119:101

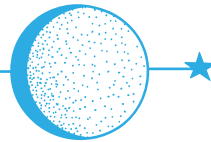
I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

REFLECT

What evil path tempts you the most? It may not be blatant but something more subtle, like selfishness or pride. Ask God for help in keeping your feet from that path.



DAY 4



DAY 5

READ
PSALM 119:102

*I have not departed from your laws, for
you yourself have taught me.*

REFLECT

Spend some time thanking God for being
your teacher, caring about your life, and
guiding you.

READ
PSALM 119:104

*I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.*

REFLECT

What is one thing you've gained
understanding about as a result of this
study so far?