

# Summer Vacation 4:

## Detour

### Summer Vacation BUMPER

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#### 01 Summer Vacation Title Slide

Summer Vacation – Learning about the journey we have in life.

#1 – The beauty in the journey

See something beautiful in nature... thank and worship the creator.

#2 – Long Road Trip

God is on our life long journey

No Hands Free driving – we must be active

#3 – Baggage

Stress of packing everything you need

Jesus is everything we need

Today we are going to talk about Detours

## 02 DETOURS

We make plans... but what happens when those plans change?

What happens if the road is closed?  
...unexpected direction.

We know about unexpected change.

-Job change, passed over for promotion.

-Moving

-Loss – funerals

-Divorce

-Natural disaster

-Bad phone call

No one plans for these... but they happen.

Range from annoying to painful...

Slight change... to life altering

Frustration... to tragedy.

## 03 Why Detours?

Why is my path blocked?

Why did God allow this?

Did I do something wrong?

I have been through some detours.

Children are a source of detours...

-Autism spectrum diagnosis.

-Aria our foster daughter.

Aria Picture

-An unexpected pregnancy.

Elliot Picture

I hope to answer this... 04

- Do God's detours help or hurt?
- Types of detour?
- How can I respond?

You are traveling along on your trip...

Then you see tail lights...

Orange cones...

A guy directing traffic...

Signs with arrows...

Believe it or not... Detours are meant to help you... protect you... guide you.  
A bridge is out... a road is blocked... danger

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Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him, and he will DIRECT YOUR PATH.

It does not say – God controls your path.  
God directs... influences... points the way.

## **06 God directs our path – Proverbs 3:5**

You can ignore detours... but what will happen?

IGNORE THE SIGNS AND...

Drive into a ditch...

Ignore God's signs and you will meet destruction.

God's detours save us from destruction.

Meant to help not hurt...

What type of detours are you dealing with?

## 07 Types of Detours

- Construction
- Instruction
- Introduction

### **Construction**

This road is not ready yet.

Sometimes when we pray, God says NO... YES... or NOT YET.

God's detour is often a NOT YET.

Pastor Brian – Week 2 - Exodus Israel  
Wilderness

“What should have taken 11 days from the

Red Sea to Promise land... took 40 years”  
Obedience issues caused detours.

Detours of construction are NOT YET  
messages from God.

- The situation might not be ready...
- Other people may not be ready...

## **Instruction**

There are lessons for you to learn.

Sometimes it is not external situations or  
people that need to change... Sometimes it  
is us.

Detours delay... “WHAT IS TAKING SO  
LONG” “WE SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW”

David anointed next King (10 yrs)

David defeats Goliath (13 yrs)

**FAST TRACK BABY – THERE IN NO TIME**

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David finally becomes King 17 years later  
(30 yrs)

Lessons were learned along the way.  
Construction delays prepare the situation.  
Instruction delays prepare us through  
lessons.

**Introduction** Detours – God causes you to  
change course to come in contact with  
others.

Jesus detours – goes out of the way to  
travel to Samaria to minister to the woman  
at the well. (John 4)

Jesus detours – gets on a boat and sails  
through a storm to meet a demon  
possessed man in Gadarene. (Mark 5)

Phillip travels into the dessert to baptize the  
Ethiopian man. (Acts 8)

Paul & Silas remain in their jail cell to save the Philippian Jailer. (Acts 16)

08 What if God is calling you to serve someone who is off your normal path?

How many ministers do we have in the room today?

Every one of us is a minister.

God has good works for us to do.

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Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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Before God created you, He prepared the works we were created to do. -Ephesians 2:10

It worth going out of the way – miracles

It is worth the delay – people saved

It is worth hardship – realize purpose

How many ministers do we have in the room today?

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Types of Detours

- Construction (Not Yet)
- Instruction (Learn first)
- Introduction (Serve others)

Do you recognize your detour?

**Musicians**

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How do I respond to my detour?

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Slow down

- We go too fast.
- Pray. Be prayed for. Pray for others

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### Trust that God directs your path

- I don't understand – but I TRUST.
- Guide me, teach me, lead me.

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### Follow the signs

- Look for spiritual signs.
  - Pray, read your Bible, COME TO CHURCH