

Blind Skiers

A television program preceding the 1988 Winter Olympics featured blind skiers being trained for slalom skiing, impossible as that sounds. Paired with sighted skiers, the blind skiers were taught on the flats how to make right and left turns.

When that was mastered, they were taken to the slalom slope, where their sighted partners skied beside them, shouting "left!" and "right!" As they obeyed the commands, they were able to negotiate the course and cross the finish line, depending solely on the sighted skiers' word. It was either complete trust or catastrophe.

That Olympics highlight is also a picture of the dynamics in the centers operated by Life Care, American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home. A variety of disciplines is required to serve our residents. And to see that they get the highest quality of care, associates must trust the performance of one another in the fulfillment of the mission. There can be no Lone Rangers when it comes to the delivery of service to the special people entrusted to us.

The analogy is also true in the spiritual sense. In this world, we are in reality blind about what course to take. We must rely solely on the Word of the only One truly sighted -- God Himself. His Word gives us the direction we need to finish the course.

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