

Flying in the Fog

Ever wonder about where you are headed in life, and what it will take to get you there? Most people do, at one point or another. Mark Galli, writing in *Guidance: Lesson from JFK Jr. Crash*, provides an interesting illustration.

In the aftermath of the death of John F. Kennedy Jr. in 1999, amateur pilot Stephen Hedges wrote about the difficulty of flying a plane by instruments alone – a necessary skill if you want to fly at night or in fog. Without this skill, it is easy for a pilot to fall into an uncontrolled bank and crash.



During one instrument lesson, Hedges noted, “I flew the headings and turns as instructed, but even with 10 hours of instrument flying in my logbook, I was amazed at how quickly the plane slid into a banking turn if I diverted my attention for just a few moments. The first time it happened, a pang of panic shot through me, a momentary fear that made it even more difficult to comprehend what the plane was doing.”

But when Hedges heard his instructor next to him calmly say, “Watch your bank,” Hedges quickly leveled the plane.

There are a lot of times in the Christian life when we’re forced to fly in fog or at night, when it’s hard to get our bearings, when we can’t see the horizon and get the perspective necessary to stay level.

At such times, it’s doubly important to keep our eyes fixed on God’s guiding Word and to stay attentive to His calming guidance.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep Your righteous judgments (Proverbs 119:105).

– Beecher Hunter