

Wrong Turn for the Bus

On Monday, Feb. 6, 1995, a Detroit bus driver finished his shift on his Route 21 bus and headed for the terminal.

But somehow, he took a wrong turn. He didn't arrive at the terminal at the scheduled time of 7:19 p.m., and a short time later, his supervisors began looking for him. Meanwhile, the driver's wife called the terminal and reported that her husband might be disoriented from medication he was taking.

For six hours, the 40-foot city bus and its driver could not be found. Finally, the state police located the bus and driver – 200 miles northwest of Detroit. The bus was motoring slowly down a rural two-lane road, weaving slightly from side to side.



The police pulled over the bus, and the driver admitted he was lost.

A police news release later stated: "The driver had no idea where he was, and agreed he had made a wrong turn somewhere. Apparently this had not occurred to him during the four hours he drove without finding the bus depot."

Before we wonder how such a thing could happen to this bus driver, consider the wrong turns that we may be prone to take:

- Toward addiction to drugs or alcohol.
- Toward inappropriate relationships.
- Toward unhealthful practices, such as poor diets and lack of exercise and rest.
- Toward neglect of our spiritual commitment to our Lord and His church.

Temptations seek to draw us away from the right road onto detours that can lead to destruction. We must heed the highway signs posted in the Bible, and be alert to help our brothers and sisters who may stray.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burden, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:1-2).

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