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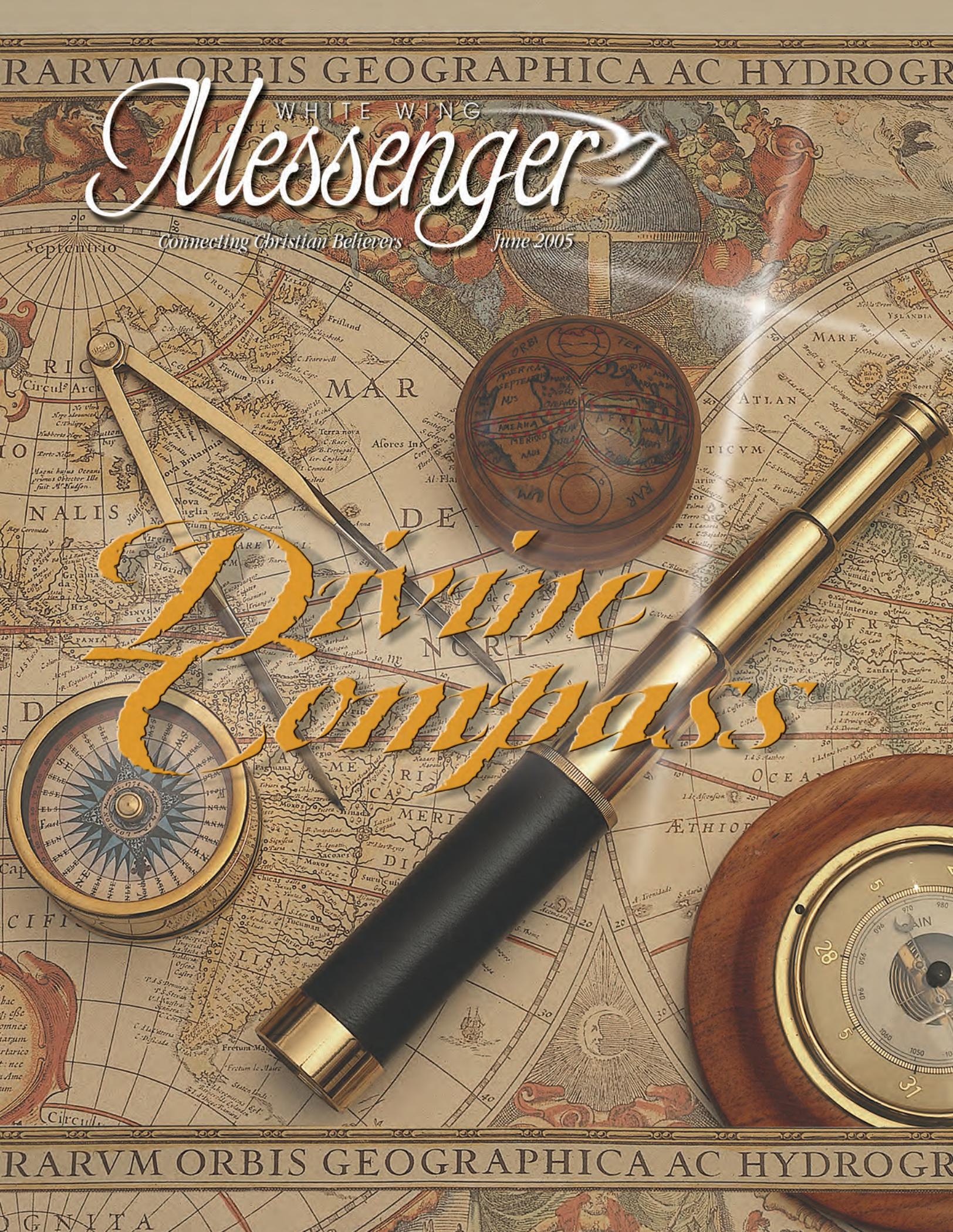
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The True Way to Go

It was a uniform I wore proudly. Each medal and patch donned across my chest proved I had earned the privilege to serve with such a distinctive, honorable band of brothers. We were very young men, together learning the skills required to be men of discipline that contributed to our society and global community. No, I was not serving in any branch of the armed forces. I was proudly training in the Boy Scouts of America.

During my time as a Boy Scout, I learned that, to a Boy Scout, there exists no greater instrument than the compass. The compass is so valuable to the Boy Scout that it is central to the organization, serving as the emblem worn on the badge

of every Boy Scout. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, shared the importance of the compass when he said, "Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps for orienteering them with North." His wife later elaborated saying, "It shows the true way to go."

A compass is an instrument used to determine Magnetic North. The consistency of Magnetic North provides a marker by which one may determine direction when no other recognized points are available. Once North is established, then East, South, and West may be determined. A compass is divided up into 360 degrees to better aid in finding a direction for hiking or traveling. The symbol of the compass helps to remind Scouts to be as true and reliable as a compass in keeping to their Scouting ideals and showing others the way.

Similar to the compass used by the Boy Scout is the Compass of the Holy Spirit to every believer. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth . . ." (John 16:13).

As believers, we must follow God's Compass—the Holy Spirit—for it is the way that He will lead us into all truth. It is this Compass that gives us the full assurance that God's will for our lives is being accomplished with each step we take and that we are useful to Him in the building of His kingdom.

How are you at being led by this Compass? Although we do not have a needle and orienting lines to read, the Holy Spirit will make His presence known to you,

whether it's through an impulse, instinct, or a still, small voice saying, "You are on course; this is the way" or "Do not go there." Once you've discovered the certainty and freedom that comes from reading and following this Compass, it is difficult to live without it.

How can we begin a life being led by this Divine Compass? Simply be aware of God's desire to lead you in all areas of your life. Begin seeking Him for direction through times of prayer, meditation, and reading of the Word. He will provide the guidance and direction needed to live a life victoriously led by Him—all He wants is for you to ask.

Once you have asked for His guidance and direction, and you're living a life seeking His leading, remain flexible and prepared to be used by Him. He will lead you, guide you, and use you as you diligently seek Him. Be prepared to respond when He calls you to go and do what He asks.

Follow the Compass that God placed in you when you became a believer. He will lead you in the right path—a path of discovering His perfect will and purpose for your life. He will show you the true way to go!

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