God's Promise of Guidance

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In this new year, when it is often felt that changes need to be made, we are reminded that the Promises God offers to us ring true, no matter the season: New Life; Faithfulness; Ministry;

Blessing; Guidance.

Today, we consider this promise: God does not leave us without direction. We are promised that "goes that road with us." We are not left to sort it out alone.

Jesus says that you, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are the salt of the earth. Don't lose your reason for being. You are called to be distinctive from everyone else.

Jesus says that we are to be the light of the world. "A city built on a hill cannot be hid." You have something to offer to others; we have something to offer this world

How does God guide us as followers of Jesus Christ?
Prayer? Scriptures?
I have read Wesley's sermon on "Catholic Spirit" this week –
Reminded of how Wesley was guided by God–

Usually, God's guidance doesn't come to us magically: St. Augustine's conversion in the gardens of Milan.

Wesley firmly believe that there were choices that we must make for which we are responsible.

Prayer - Scripture: Yes,

Wesley felt that God's guidance to us is not constrained to the written page: Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture-Tradition-Experience-Reason.

You did not come here in the snow to hear the word, 'quadrilateral.'

But God can guide you; God wants to guide you through the dark valleys of life.

So that you can be the salt of the earth -- so that you can be the unique you that God has created you to be.

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So that you can be light for the world - a ray of hope; a light to show others how God has guided you to conduct your life.