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## Rules for the Road

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**Scripture:** Proverbs 13:20; 19:20; 27:12; Ephesians 4:31–32

### Introduction

*[Vacation season is upon us. My family left yesterday to go to the beach without me. So now you know how important you are to me, or perhaps how unimportant I am to them. In the spirit of summer vacation, today's message is entitled:]*

**Graphic:** Title slide for *Rules for the Road*

### Rules for the Road

**5 tips** to ensure you reach your destination safely

*[But my real intent is to apply these practical road rules to our lives because songwriter Tom Cochrane was correct when he wrote:]*

**“Life is like a road that you travel on when there’s one day here, and the next day gone.”**  
—Tom Cochrane, excerpt from “Life is a Highway”

*[Life is a highway. You only get to the exit one time. But life is more complicated than a highway. We are equipped with rearview mirrors but not reverse ones. There are no do-overs. You can't go back and redo your twenties, your first marriage, or raise a child again. Some of us spend too much time looking back. But the future is like the road ahead; it's the only thing we have any control over. You can't live your life looking in the rearview mirror just like you can't drive that way. There's no way to go back.]*

*[We all want to get the future right. We all want to arrive safely at our intended destination. We all have a general idea of where we want to end up in this season of life and life in general. Hopefully, these five rules for the road will help you. Rule number one is...]*

#1 Don't travel **alone**.

*[Life is better connected because you were made for community. Life is better with friends. Don't allow yourself to get isolated. Ignore the voice in your head that says, “I don't need anybody.” You were created to live and operate in community. Who we do life with determines how our life goes. But don't just gravitate toward acceptance. That can be a trap.]*