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“Life doesn’t reward what you know; it rewards what you do with what you know!” – Dave Anderson

Recently I formed a cycling team to participate in Race Across America, the world’s toughest bicycle race – 3,005 miles from Oceanside, California to Annapolis, Maryland. Our team’s mission was to finish well and support the fight against childhood obesity through corporate sponsorships. As you might imagine, this extreme ultra-endurance cycling event was no easy challenge! With one rider on the road at all times, we rode non-stop day and night across 14 states, through the mountains of Colorado and West Virginia, the deserts of Arizona and New Mexico, the wheat and cornfields of Kansas and Missouri, and the large and small cities of America.

To successfully complete the journey, we were given an all-encompassing route book that charted our course to 54 officially designated time stations from start to finish. Included in the route book were maps with elevation profiles to each successive time station and directions noted at precisely accurate mileage markers on the odometer. It was remarkable how well the directions in the route book accurately directed us to turn left or right at just the precise odometer readings where we needed to turn. Consequently, without the route book, our 8-person team and 6 crew members would have never made it to the finish line in 6 days, 14 hours, and 55 minutes as the 5th place team in our division.

As a rookie team, one of our biggest concerns was how we were going to find our way and arrive at each time station without getting lost. With the race over and gaining the first-hand knowledge and experience of a RAAM team finisher, our team can attest to the supreme accuracy of the route book that we were given by race officials and would

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emphatically assert that any team who would decide not to use the route book would be making a foolish decision indeed.

Do you know that thousands of business teams make this kind of foolish decision every day by trying to achieve their mission without a supremely accurate route book to chart their course? In the same way that I can attest first hand to the supreme accuracy of the Race Across America route book as a certified RAAM team finisher, I can also attest first hand to the Supreme accuracy of the Word of God in helping business leaders to successfully achieve their business missions as a business man who loves the Lord and has personally built many teams on the “can do” principles of the Word of God. Psalms 119:105 states, “Your word [the Bible] is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path”; therefore, we can trust that the Bible will provide supremely accurate directions for every aspect of our lives including our businesses. However, a business team that tries to achieve its mission without the precise and accurate directions found in the Word of God is like a RAAM team trying to complete the Race Across America without the precise and accurate directions found in the RAAM route book...a futile endeavor for sure. Proverbs 14:12 states, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” In a spirit of wisdom and excellence, let’s not follow the way that seems right to us, but rather, let us diligently seek the way of the Lord found in His Word and do what it says as we trust Him to direct our steps and lead us on a rewarding faith journey in business!

**The Make It Happen Professionalism Value:
“Make It Happen” People Are Professionals!**

Have A Blessed “Make It Happen” Week!

“Everything is possible for him who believes.” Mark 9:23 NIV

NIV study notes add “a person who truly believes will set no limits on what God can do [for them and through them].”



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