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Redirected *Trusting God's Guidance*

Acts 16:6-10

God leads His People through closed doors, clear guidance, and courageous obedience.

Sovereign Roadblocks

- ❖ The Spirit of God prevented Paul and his companions from speaking the Word in Asia and later blocked them from entering Bithynia.

Acts 16:6 "And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the Word in Asia."

- ⌘ Why did God prevent them from doing the very thing they were called to?

- ⌘ The greatest obstacle to God's will is not always bad choices; sometimes it is good plans that are not God's plans for us in the moment!

Proverbs 16:9 "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

- ❖ This wasn't a prohibition against preaching, but rather a divine redirection of their missionary strategy.

Acts 16:7 "And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them."

- ⌘ God stopped them twice, highlighting that even when we have firm determination for something good, God is Sovereign and can overrule our plans.

Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."

- ⌘ God directs His people through His Spirit.

Romans 8:14 "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

- ⌘ God directs His people through the wisdom and influence of other believers.

Proverbs 11:14 "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."

- ⌘ God directs His people through difficult circumstances.

Romans 1:11-13 "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles."

- ⌘ God's primary direction to His people is through His Word.

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

- ❖ They obeyed the Lord and went from Mysia to Troas.

Acts 16:8 "So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas."

- ✧ Our obedience to God leads us to His future blessing!

Clear Direction

- ❖ Paul received a vision of a Macedonian man calling for help, confirming the reason God stopped them from preaching the Word in Asia, and the clear purpose to go to Macedonia.

Acts 16:9 "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"

- ✧ God redirected them through a supernatural vision, leading them to the next phase of Gospel expansion.

Psalms 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

John 7:17 "If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on My own authority."

- ✧ A willing heart is where God often makes His guidance clear.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

- ✧ We must make room for divine calling to replace human planning.

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

A Godly Destination

- ❖ God confirmed His call through united discernment, and the team responded with immediate obedience.

Acts 16:10 "And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

- ✧ Though the vision was given to Paul, the team reached a shared conviction that God had called them to Macedonia.

Proverbs 15:22 "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed."

- ✧ The certainty of God's direction produced immediate obedience.

Luke 5:4, 11 "And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'" ... "And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him."

- ✧ The Gospel mission overcame another barrier, gained another laborer, and advanced into a new continent, preparing them to establish God's kingdom in unforeseen ways and unexpected people.

Matthew 16:18 "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

