

SERMON NOTES:

Recalculating | Part 2: Pivot People

“There has been a change in plans”

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

²¹ Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.

Isaiah 55:9 (NLT)

⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

God pursues a plan in our lives in often unexpected ways. But his plan is always better.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

And if it is a **GOD** THING, then it is a **GOOD** THING!

Romans 10:11 (NIV)

¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

He has called us to live a Spirit-Led life. A life defined by our willingness to listen, and pivot quickly to His will and purposes at any given time.

Acts 16:6-10 (NLT) <fridgia, Missea, bitheenia>

⁶ Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. ⁷ Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. ⁸ So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

⁹ That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” ¹⁰ So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

Obedience is not always going; sometimes it is *not* going.

Four other observations about this encounter with God

1. If you want to experience God's leading in your life, it's most easily found when you are already following Him.
2. We are most pliable to God's plans when we remain flexible to our own.
3. One must learn to recognize and listen to the Spirit's voice to be led at all.
 - A. Holy Spirit had prevented them or that the Holy Spirit would not allow them.
 - B. ⁹That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"
 - C. ¹⁰So **we decided** to leave for Macedonia **at once, having concluded** that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.
4. There is always blessing in obedience.