The Best Path November 8, 2026

- Psalm 32:8 (NLT) — 8 The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.
- Alternate Pathways
- Before finding the way – need to know the destination
    - Or at least know the one directing you
    - Abraham went on the trust relationship with the director
    - I will Guide You
    - I will advise you
    - I will watch over you

Destination Revealed – John 14:1-6

- Trust God, trust Jesus
- Destination – Father’s home
- You know the way
- I am the way – to Father (Father’s home)

The Way

- Acts 9:2
- Acts 22:4
- Jesus – the Way
- Followers – given the destination
- Promise from Psalm 32:8 – guided, advised, and watched over for the best pathway to the destination
- The Best Pathway – living life IN HIM

Life IN HIM – Psalm 32

- Forgiven
    - Sin put out of sight
    - Record cleared of guilt
    - Lives lived in complete honesty
    - Repentance and confession
    - Not drown in the floodwaters of judgment
- Protected
    - Hiding place protected from trouble
    - Watched over
- Guided
    - Advised
    - Unbridled
    - Controlled by the Holy Spirit
    - Self-control
- Unfailing Love
    - Trust the Lord
    - Obedient
    - Pure heart

Bit and Bridle of the Law – Galatians 3

- Psalm 32:9 Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.
- Galatians 3:5 I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.
- Galatians 3:10–11 …it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law.
- Galatians 3:19 Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins.
- Galatians 3:24–25 … now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.
- Matthew 7:13–14 (NLT) — 13 “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

Unbridled – Holy Spirit Led

- Psalm 32:9 Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.
- Galatians 5:16–26
    - Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives – you don’t need the bridle of the law
    - The Spirit and flesh are constantly fighting each other
    - The Wide Path that leads to destruction
    - The Narrow Path that leads to life
    - Follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives