



# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## **Plant the Seeds, Trust the Steps**

**Speaker: John and Mercedes**

### **Highlighted Scripture**

**Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)**

**The heart of man plans his way,  
but the Lord establishes his steps.**

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. John and Mercedes shared that they are “not in the outcome business”—that planting seeds is our role and results belong to God. Why is that distinction so freeing, yet so difficult to live out?**
- 2. Proverbs 16:9 contrasts planning with God establishing our steps. How do you personally balance preparation with surrender to God’s will?**
- 3. The hacking of the YouTube channel was described as both an attack and an opportunity for reflection. How have unexpected disruptions in your life revealed areas where you needed to trust God more deeply?**
- 4. Mercedes admitted it never occurred to them to ask, “Jesus, what is Your will?” in daily planning. What might change if you regularly invited God into your decision-making?**
- 5. As you think about 2026 and your own goals, how can you align your plans—home, work, ministry, or health—under God’s authority rather than relying on your own strength?**

### **Reflection Challenge**

**This week, practice holding your plans loosely and trusting God intentionally.**

**Ask yourself daily:**

- **Have I invited God into today's plans?**
- **Am I focused on faithfulness or outcomes?**
- **Where do I need to trust the Lord to establish my steps?**

**Remember:**

✨ **We plant the seeds**

✨ **God brings the growth**

✨ **Surrender brings direction**

 **Prayer**

**Father God,**

**Thank You for reminding us that while we may plan, You are the One who directs our steps.**

**Help us release our need to control outcomes and trust You with the results.**

**Teach us to plant seeds faithfully, listen for Your will, and follow where You lead.**

**As we align our lives, homes, and plans under Your authority, guide us in every step we take.**

**All glory belongs to You.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**







