

PURPOSE OVER PLANS

"We can make our plans, but the Lord directs our steps." (Prov. 16:9)

God wants to be your <u>tour guide</u> not your travel agent.

"6Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

(Acts 16:6-10)

- What feels like <u>rejection</u> might actually be <u>redirection</u>.
- <u>No</u> isn't alway <u>negative</u>.
- We hear no but God is saying grow.

"When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to." (Acts 16:7)





"So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas." (Acts 16:8)

• A Change of *plans* doesn't mean a change of *purpose*.

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2)

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Prov. 19:2)

• Make plans but *pursue* purpose.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Col. 3:17)

• God can do big things through <u>small</u> <u>steps</u> of obedience.