

He Is Our Beacon

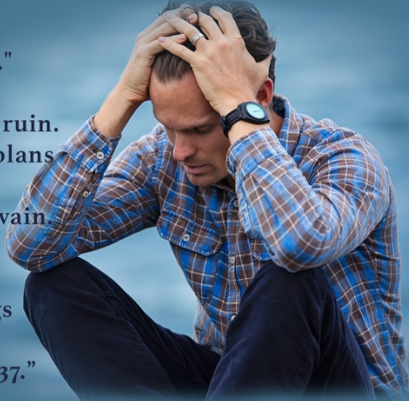
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Proverbs 16:9 *A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.*

As we were reminded at the beginning of this chapter in verse 1 (*The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD*), a man goes to great length to plan his career, **but the LORD** alone determines whether these plans ever come to pass. Saul of Tarsus planned to persecute the Christian saints in Damascus but ended up becoming one of them! Onesimus planned to leave Philemon forever, but God brought him back on better terms than ever.

And as we go about in life with our agendas, sometimes those plans move sideways, backward, or perhaps over a roundabout detour. Sometimes God steers us away from horrendous unseen obstacles while we mistakenly think that He is thwarting us or not answering our prayers. Verse 25 of this same chapter suggests, "*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*" Is it possible that, if we always received what we prayed for and set our minds upon, it would also lead to death?

I have often asked in the pulpit, "Do you always give in to the desires of your children? Of course not! Because frequently we know what is good for them and what is not! And the same is with our Heavenly Father!" **Jeremiah 10:23** affirms, "*O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.*" He implies that, without God, man's plans always end in failure and ruin. As children of God, we can have our plans set in place - in concrete; but without His go-ahead, it is all in vain. Let us give the Lord precedence in all that we do, so that way: "*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us*" **Romans 8:37.**

At His service,
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