Wednesday Devotional

10/14/26

Scripture: Psalm 18: 30

God's Plans Are Best By: Rev. Billy Graham

Things didn't always work out the way Paul planned.

Expecting to preach in Asia Minor, "They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit" (Acts 16:6). Looking forward to instructing the new converts in Philippi, Paul and his companion instead found themselves thrown into prison (see Acts 16: 11). Encouraged by the response to the Gospel in Thessalonica, he was suddenly assailed by a mob and accused of having "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). As a result he was forced to flee.

But in every instance God was in control! Paul was forbidden to preach in Asia Minor – because God was opening the door to Europe. Paul found himself in jail – and as a result the Philippian jailer and his family were converted. Paul had to flee Thessalonica – and Berea, the next town, "Received the word with all readiness" (Acts 17: 11).

Things don't always work out the way we plan. But if we commit our way to Christ and walk in obedience to Him, we discover His plans are always better.

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