

When God Closes a Door, He Opens a Window

The Bible Doesn't Say That | Week 6

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Acts 16:6

Acts 16:7

1. _____ Are Not Denials.

God's "no" can be just as much guidance as God's "yes."

Acts 16:8

2. _____ Are Not Required for Dependence.

Isaiah 55:8–9

When you trust the Guide,
you don't have to understand
the route.



3. _____ Demands Decisive Obedience.

Acts 16:9

Acts 16:10

God often gives enough light for the next step, not the entire journey.

You don't have to know where every road leads when you know the One who is leading you.

Questions for Further Study

1. **Icebreaker / Team Building:** Have you ever had a plan completely change at the last minute, only to realize later that the change actually worked out for the better? What happened?
2. Read **Acts 16:6–10** again. Paul was trying to do something good (preach the gospel), yet the Holy Spirit prevented him from going where he planned. What does this passage teach us about assuming that every obstacle means we are outside of God’s will?
3. Read **Proverbs 3:5–6** and **Psalms 37:23–24**. How do these passages help us understand what it means to trust God when we cannot see where He is leading us?
4. The sermon says, **“When you trust the Guide, you don’t have to understand the route.”** Read **Isaiah 55:8–9**. Why is it difficult to trust God without an explanation?
5. Read **James 1:5**, **Romans 12:2**, and **Colossians 3:15–17**. When Scripture does not give us a specific answer about a decision, what principles do these passages give us for discerning our next faithful step?
6. **Personal Reflection:** Is there a “closed door” or uncertain situation in your life right now where you have been asking God for the entire plan? What might it look like for you to stop demanding the whole map and simply take the **next faithful step** God has made clear?