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**Week #28: Colossians 4, Ephesians 1-4**

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### **More Helpful Verses:**

Romans 8:21 “that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

Galatians 5:1 “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

Proverbs 16:1–9 “The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. [2] All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. [3] Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. [4] The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. [5] Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished. [6] By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil. [7] When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. [8] Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. [9] **The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.**” (ESV)

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Psalm 32:8–9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. [9] Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.”