

Let God Direct the Way

לא לאיש הלך והכין את־צעדו

It is not within people to direct their own steps.

Jeremiah 10:23

יהוה my God,

You have given me the ability to walk in any way that I choose, but if I truly want to fulfill the purpose of my life, then I cannot direct my own steps. Please guide me as You see fit. Help me to trust in Your leading with all of my heart, so that I do not lean on my own understanding. With humility, I say that I need You to show me the way. You have plans to give me peace, hope, and a future, and You know how to bring to pass the desires of my heart. Even when life winds this way and that way, You know how to make my paths straight. You know the best way for me to walk, and I commit my ways to You so that You can establish my plans. It does not mean that everything will be smooth and easy, nor that circumstances will be ideal, for there is evil in the world and challenges inherent to living, but it does mean that You will teach me how to navigate through those challenges. I reject the idea that I can stiffen my neck, ignore You, rebel against You, break promises I have made to You, and just do whatever I feel like doing, while expecting to get Your best results. Your ways of doing things are far better than my own. Even if what You ask of me seems difficult, I know that I must be capable of accomplishing it, for You would not ask me to do something entirely beyond my reach. Help me to reject the thoughts and perspectives that are not of You, and help me to discern what is truly Your counsel. Please direct the course of my life.

ואנכי וביתי נעבד את־יהוה

As for me and my household, we will serve You, יהוה.

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