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Ep. 1436: How Does Our Free Will Work in God's Plan? (Part I)

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1. In Joshua 24:15 Joshua states, "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." How is this an example of free will operating within God's will? (Numbers 27:18-23)
2. Joshua 1:3,5 contains God's promise, "I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you." Define what God's protection *actually means* for those, like Joshua and like us, who choose to serve the LORD. (Psalms 18:1-3, 37:23-24)
3. What are the Hebrew meanings of "strong" and "courageous" in Joshua 1:6-7. What does this reveal about free will's role in obedience? What does verse 7, ("Do not turn from it to the right or to the left") add to our active participation in shaping our free will to operate within God's will?
4. Do you have a current or former situation where you needed to practice "grasping what God provides and standing firm"? Did you succeed? How could you have improved your reaction?
5. Why must our intellect and understanding—not just our emotional response—be in harmony with God's word for our free will to function rightly? (Joshua 1:8-9) How can you do better at this in your life?
6. Why did God place Adam and Eve in Eden, the perfect environment for them to succeed, but then not prevent them from failing? What was Eden missing that made the test necessary? Do you think God gave them enough information to not fail? (Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17)
7. How did Eve's perspective change after receiving "new information" from the serpent? (Genesis 3:1-6)
8. Do you see your free will being "steered" when you read and study God's Word? Do you ever notice the "pull" of another voice, as Eve experienced? What helps you keep your godly perspective in these cases?
9. Adam and Eve made the choice to step away from what was perfect, from what was given them by their Creator for their ultimate good. How did that make them feel? What provision did God put in his plan as part of His response to them—seeking, calling, then covering? (Genesis 3:8-13,21)