

## The Macedonian Call

*Acts 16*

*"Come over into Macedonia, and help us."*  
*Acts 16:9*

## Paul's Second Preaching Journey

*Acts 15:41-18:22*

- The message from the Jerusalem church caused great joy and encouragement. *15:30-31*
- Teaching continued in Antioch. *15:32-35*
- Dispute over taking John Mark produced two preaching trips. *15:36-40*
  - Barnabas and John Mark go to **Cyprus** encouraging the brethren. *15:39*
  - With Silas, Paul went through **Syria and Cilicia** strengthening the churches. *15:41*



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Luke joined Paul's group in Troas  
*16:8, 10 "They" versus "We"*

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*Acts 16:11-12*

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### Conversions and Persecution

- **Lydia and her household.** *16:13-15*
  - The Lord opened her heart to obey the things Paul spoke. *Acts 2:39*
  - Heart is opened by God's word. *Acts 2:22, 37, 41; Luke 24:44-47*
  - She is judged to be "faithful to the Lord" because she believed and obeyed. *16:15*

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- **Beaten and jailed after miracle.** *16:16-24*
  - Slave girl: Oppressed and exploited. *16:16*
  - Right message: Wrong messenger. *16:17-18*
  - Healed her: Masters lost their source of profit. *16:18-19*
  - Accused Paul and Silas as Jews with unlawful teachings. *16:19-22*
  - Beaten and imprisoned. *16:22-24*

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- **Jailer and his household.** *16:25-34*
  - Faith in the darkness. *16:25*
  - Miraculous release; merciful rescue. *16:26-28*
  - "What must I do to be saved?" *16:29-34*
    - Nature of saving faith.
    - Immediately obey the gospel to be saved.
    - The joy of salvation.
- **Public correction of public wrong.** *16:35-40*

Luke stayed in Philippi. *16:40; 17:1*  
"They ... departed"

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## The Gospel is the Same in Every Nation and Culture

- **The gospel is defined by revelation, not by culture.** *16:21*
  - Jews of Lycaonia, Phrygia, and Galatia. *16:1-3*
  - Woman from Asia in Europe. *16:14*
  - Gentile jailer and his family. *16:31-32*
  - "My ways in Christ ..."
    - "I teach everywhere in every church." *1 Corinthians 4:17*
    - "And so I ordain in all the churches." *1 Corinthians 7:17*

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- **Different cultures will call for different expediencies, but culture does not define truth**
  - Circumcision of Timothy. *16:3*
  - Cannot condone sin because it is culturally accepted:
    - *Fornication.*
    - *Social drinking.*
    - *Marijuana smoking.*
    - *Immodest dress.*
    - *Homosexuality.*

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## The Gospel is the Same in Every Nation and Culture

- **The gospel is common to all. (*Jude 3*)**
  - Same need: To be saved. *16:30*
  - Same truth: The word of the Lord. *16:32*
  - Same commands: Believe, repent, and be baptized. *16:14-15, 31-34*
  - Same blessings: Salvation. *16:15, 30, 34*

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