The Macedonian Call

"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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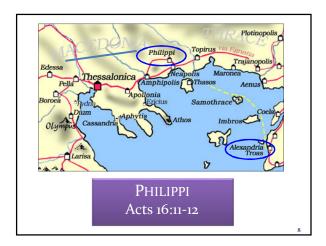


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- Lydia and her household. 16:13-15
- The Lord opened her heart to obey the things
 Paul spoke. Acts 2:39
 - Heart is opened by God's word. *Acts* 2:22, 37, 41; *Luke* 24:44-47
- She is judged to be "faithful to the Lord" because she believed and obeyed.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

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
 - "And so I ordain in all the churches." 1 Corinthians

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The Gospel is the Same in Every Nation and Culture

- 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.

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 <u>truth</u>: The word of the Lord. 16:32
 - -Same <u>commands</u>: Believe, repent, and be baptized. *16:14-15*, *31-34*
 - -Same blessings: Salvation. 16:15, 30, 34

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