

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

III THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH Acts 13-28

LESSON 15 - The Second Missionary Journey - Acts 15:36-16:40

KEY VERSE

So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household' (Acts 16:31).

PONDER¹

READ Acts 15:36-16:40.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. _____

DISSENSION OVER JOHN MARK

READ Acts 15:36-41.

1. Paul wanted to go back to every city where he and Barnabas had preached, but Barnabas asked to bring John called Mark with them. How did Paul respond (vv. 36-38)?

2. Due to this disagreement, Paul and Barnabas parted ways, forming two new teams. Who were they (vv. 39-41)?

3. Being commended by the brethren to the grace of God, what did Paul do along the way (v. 41)?

TIMOTHY CHOSEN

READ Acts 16:1-5.

1. Who did they meet in Derbe and Lystra? What was said of him? What was his parentage (vv. 1-3)?

¹ PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

Why did Paul have him circumcised? _____

2. As Paul and Silas delivered the decrees² which were determined by the Apostles and the elders in Jerusalem, what effect did they have on the churches (vv. 4, 5)?

THE MACEDONIA³ CALL

READ Acts 16:6-15.

The persistent call of God to reach the lost drove Paul, Silas, and Timothy to continue their missionary journey.

1. How did the Holy Spirit lead them (vv. 6-8)? _____ 4 5

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2. What message did Paul receive in a night vision (vv. 9, 10)? _____

_____ 10

What did the three missionaries conclude from Paul's vision? _____

PERSONAL

Has the Holy Spirit ever forbidden you or led you to share the Gospel? Did He speak to you through the Word of God, a heart-felt impression, a word of knowledge¹¹ from a believer, a vision or a dream? Explain.

² decrees: letter declaring the laws and ordinances written by the Apostles for the new forming church.

³ MACEDONIA: region on the Aegean Sea; Europe; major cities such as: Thessalonica, Philippi, and Berea are located there.

⁴ Phrygia: a large province of the mountainous region of Asia Minor in modern day Turkey.

⁵ regions of Galatia: later became the churches of Galatia (see Galatians 1, 2).

⁶ Asia: a Roman province in Western Asia Minor which included Mysia, Lydia, and Phrygia.

⁷ Mysia: a province in North West Asia Minor (present day Turkey).

⁸ Bythnia: located north along the Black Sea; modern day Turkey; large population center with a large Hebrew population.

⁹ Troas: ten miles southwest of ancient Troy on the Aegean Sea in modern day Turkey.

¹⁰ Gospel - Greek *evangelizo*: proclaim the glad tidings; evangelize.

¹¹ word of knowledge: a gift of the Holy Spirit for the believer; the Holy Spirit speaking the wisdom and mind of God through a spirit-filled believer.

They then sailed from Troas toward Samothrace¹², Neapolis¹³ and from there to Philippi where they stayed for some days.

3. What is said about Philippi (vv. 11, 12)? _____

4. What was going on every Sabbath¹⁴, out of the city, by the riverside in Philippi (v. 13)? _____

5. DESCRIBE Lydia, one of the praying women the disciples met by the river (vv. 14, 15). _____

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What did Lydia persuade the disciples to do? _____

PAUL AND SILAS IMPRISONED

READ Acts 16:16-24.

1. What occurred as Paul and Silas went to prayer (vv. 16, 17)? _____

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What did she proclaim through demonic revelation about Paul and Silas? _____

2. Greatly annoyed, what did Paul, led by the Holy Spirit, command the evil spirit to do (v. 18)? _____

What did the evil spirit do? _____

¹² Samothrace: small island in the Aegean Sea.

¹³ Neapolis: seaport in Northern Macedonia; served as the port city of Philippi.

¹⁴ Sabbath: Old Testament God ordained day of rest and worship (see Genesis 2:1-3).

¹⁵ seller of purple: purple cloth dyed with color extracted from purple shellfish.

¹⁶ Thyatira: city of the providence of Lydia in Western Asia Minor: modern day Turkey.

¹⁷ spirit of divination - Greek *python*: the serpent or dragon that guarded the Delphic oracle.

¹⁸ fortune telling - Greek *mantis*: diviner; one who through the influence of demonic spirits foretells future known events.

3. What did the girl's masters accuse Paul and Silas of doing when they dragged them to the authorities (vv. 19-21)?

4. How did the multitude and magistrates react to these false accusations (v. 22)?

5. What did the authorities command the jailer at Philippi to do (vv. 23, 24)?

LOOK DEEPER

What do the following Scriptures teach concerning Satan, who is he?

John 8:42-44

Revelation 12:7-11

PERSONAL

Have you acted wrongfully upon receiving an accusation against a servant of the Lord without searching out the truth of the matter? Explain.

THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER SAVED
READ Acts 16:25-34.

1. What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight that all the prisoners could hear (v. 25)? _____

2. How did the Lord Jesus Christ set all the prisoners free (v. 26)? _____

3. RELATE the drastic reaction of the keeper of the prison to this miraculous event (vv. 27-30). _____

4. What life changing words did Christ's messengers declare to the jailer and then to his household (v. 31)? _____

5. What was the glorious result (vv. 32-34)? _____

THE MISSIONARIES FREED
READ Acts 16:35-40.

1. What did the magistrates offer (vv. 35, 36)? _____
2. Why did Paul not want to be set free secretly (vv. 37, 38)? _____

Why were the magistrates afraid? _____
3. What did the magistrates ask Paul and Silas to do (vv. 39, 40)? _____

Before they departed from Philippi, what did they first do? _____

Who were the real prisoners in this story? _____

LOOK DEEPER

What did Isaiah prophesy concerning the work that Christ the Messiah would do on this earth?

Isaiah 61:1 _____ ¹⁹

How did you see Christ working in this manner through Paul and Silas empowered by the Holy Spirit?

WRITE out the KEY VERSE. _____

*And they continued steadfastly
in the Apostles Doctrine and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
Acts 2:42*

¹⁹ heal: bind up.

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