

The Second Missionary Journey-Philippi

Acts 16:1-15

Introduction:

- v 1 Paul does not make great plans but is just faithful to what God has told him to do today.
- And he meets one of the most important people in his future – Timothy
- v 2 Timothy is more than well versed. He is faithful.
- v 3 Paul challenges him with “the high bar” – a life of devotion to the gospel.
- “Circumcision” is not for theological reasons but ministerial.
- v 4 The decree of Grace is carried to the young churches.
- v 5 Bringing Strength and blessing
Having finished his duty, Paul now lifts his eyes to more distant fields.
- v 6-7 And God guides Paul, Silas, and Timothy.
- v 8 He guides them to Troas from which Paul must’ve looked across the Hellespont (Sea of Greece) and wondered if he dared to venture so far.
- v 9 Indeed, God’s planning was bigger than Paul’s.
“Come over here and help us.”
Thus is the call to ministry.
- v 12 Philippi: A Greek city that had become a Roman colony because of all the Romans that had moved there.
- v 13 But there was no Jewish synagogue there.
- Paul would have to change his strategy. He goes to a prayer meeting by the river but there are no men.
- v 14 So he seeks to the women. And one of them is a Gentile convert from Asia...
... a natural born leader.
- Great things may not start out as great.
- Paul has done all that he could. Now God does what only God can do.
- v 15 The family believes
and her home becomes a missionary station then a local church.

Conclusion: