WELCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Gospel makes its way into Macedonian – Part 1 (ACTS 16)

Review of our previous study:

- Paul, Barnabas, and others traveled to Jerusalem to resolve the issue of circumcising Gentile Christians. (Acts 15:4 – 21)
- Paul & Barnabas were accompanied by men from Jerusalem as they returned back to Antioch to deliver the epistle from the Apostles and elders. (Acts 15:22 – 35)
- Before beginning Paul's second missionary journey, a sharp disagreement arose between Paul & Barnabas leading them to divide up into two mission teams. (Acts 15:36 – 41)

In this study:

The Gospel makes its way into Macedonian (Acts 16) Timothy Joins Paul and Silas (Acts 16:1 – 5) The Macedonian Call (Acts 16:6 – 10) ▶ The Conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:11 – 15) Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16 – 24) \blacktriangleright The Philippian Jailer Converted (Acts 16:25 – 34) Paul and the others are released from prison! (Acts) 16:35 - 40)

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas ACTS 16:1 – 5

Acts 16:1 - 2 (ESV)

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.





Timothy was raised by a faithful mother the importance of scripture:

2 Timothy 1:5
2 Timothy 3:14 - 15

Acts 16:3 (ESV)

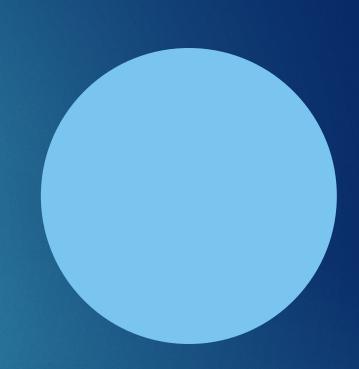
3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Why circumcise Timothy when he refused to do so with Titus?

- Galatians 2:3
- ► Galatians 5:1 6
- A couple of notable differences between Titus & Timothy:
 - Titus was Greek while Timothy was of mixed heritage, Jew & Greek.
 - Circumcising Timothy would allow him to enter parts of the synagogue that he would not be able to otherwise. Titus, being not a Jew or a proslyte to Judaism, would not be allowed to enter these areas even he was circumcised.
- 1 Corinthians 9:19 23

Acts 16:4 - 5 (ESV)

4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.



The Macedonian Call ACTS 16:6 – 10

Acts 16:6 (ESV)

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.



Acts 16:7 - 8 (ESV)

7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.



Acts 16:9 - 10 (ESV)

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.



In our next study, we will examine the rest of Acts 16!