

Acts Series

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Acts 16:6-8 (NIV) “Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.”

Acts 16:9-10 (NIV) “During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ¹⁰After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”

1. It can create new relationships.

Acts 16:13 (NIV) “On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.”

Acts 16:14_b (NIV) “a dealer in purple cloth [and] a worshiper of God.”

2. It can give me a new mind.

Acts 16:16 (NIV) “Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.”

Acts 16:17-18_a (NIV) “She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, ‘These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.’ ¹⁸She kept this up for many days.”

Acts 16:18_b (NIV) “Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit left her.”

Acts 16:19_b (NIV) “They seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.”

Acts 16:22-24 (NIV) “The magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.”

3. It can give me a freedom in life.

Acts 16:25 (NIV) “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.”

Acts 16:26-27 (NIV) “Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. ²⁷The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.”

Acts 16:29 (NIV) “The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.”

Acts 16:30_b (NIV) “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Acts 16:31 (NIV) “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Acts 16:33-34 (NIV) “At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.”