



COMPELLED PART 5: COMPELLED TO FOLLOW

Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion in you. - Bill Hybels

BIG IDEA: God is preparing you today for your tomorrow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you've seen any of the Karate Kid movies, what is your favorite life lesson? If you haven't seen them, what's your favorite movie life-lesson? Why did you pick that lesson?
2. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 16:6-10*

Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

- Acts 16:6-10 (NLT)

3. What led to Paul going to Macedonia? What does this reveal about his relationship with God?
4. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 16:20-25*

One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved." This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her. 19 Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. "The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. "They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice." A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

- Acts 16:20-25 (NLT)

5. What does this passage reveal about the strength of Paul's relationship with Silas? What does it say about their relationship with God? Who in your life would have your back all the way to jail if necessary?
6. In the message, Carlo said, "God wants the best for you WAY more than you want your best. How does God use trials to bring about the best? WHO else may benefit from us following God's vision even when it doesn't make sense at first?"
7. In the message, Carlo gave 3 practical ways that we can live out the Big Idea: Follow God, Worship while

you wait, and Choose faith over sight. How else can we model faithfully following God in our daily lives?

MOVING FORWARD

Like Paul, we discover our calling when we walk into it. What step(s) can you take over the next 30 days to help you discover and develop what God put inside of you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

- Acts 16:30-34 (NLT)