

Cross Brand

C3:16

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Acts 16:6-10

Sources: Christian Standard Bible/John MacArthur/Bob Deffinbaugh

Observations:

¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate by the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the women gathered there.

¹⁴ A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us

I. Introducing Lydia

Wealthy

Sincerely religious

"Sincerely lost"

Changed by the gospel

Identified herself with Christ

Immediately wanted to fellowship

-----Application for today

God does not always elaborate on his plans

III. The tension and confrontation

A. Introducing the fortune teller

Slave girl

16-18 ¹⁶ Once, as we were on our way to prayer, a slave girl met us who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She made a large profit for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ As she followed Paul and us she cried out, “These men, who are proclaiming to you^[a] a way of salvation, are the servants of the Most High God.” ¹⁸ She did this for many days.

Owned

"Gifted"

Demonized

I Peter 3:19 ¹⁹ After being made alive,^[a] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—

Matt 12:43-45 “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.”

Heckler

She was delivered

B. Paul's response

Acts 16:18 Paul was greatly annoyed. Turning to the spirit, he said, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out right away.

Patient

Annoyed

II Cor 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Empowered

II Cor 12:12 I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles.

C. Introducing the owners of the fortune teller

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. ²⁰ Bringing them before the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are seriously disturbing our city. They are Jews ²¹ and are promoting customs that are not legal for us as Romans to adopt or practice."

They were mad!

-----Application for us

People do not always get happy when spiritual activity occurs

Look to the Lord for the future

Be on guard against erroneous views of spiritual warfare

