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Chapter 16

When the Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost
When the day of Pentecost came suddenly a sound like

Paul's Missions

A background map of the Eastern Mediterranean region, showing the Aegean Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and parts of Asia and Greece. Key locations marked include Philippi, Thessalonica, Troas, and Ephesus. The map is rendered in a light, semi-transparent style.

First Mission: 13-14
Cyprus & Galatia/Asia

Second Mission: 16:1 - 18:22
Asia & Macedonia/Greece

3rd Mission 18:22 - 21:14
Places from first 2 missions

Second Mission: 16:1 - 18:22
Asia & Macedonia/Greece

Trials & Joys
of
Ministry

Pastor Kelly's Mission Motos


1. Hurry Up & Wait

2. Expect the Unexpected

3. Blessed are the Flexible

Need to be called by the Holy Spirit

15:36-41 / Interpersonal Issues

- ✿ Follow up/Check-ins = important for effectiveness in our ministries & walks
 - ✿ Strong leadership is crucial, but there will be issues = marriage (1 Cor. 7:28)
 - ✿ Differing gifts, opinions, agendas - who's right here?
 - ▶ Barnabas - “son of encouragement”
 - ▶ Paul zealous & driven
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15:36-41 / Interpersonal Issues

- ▶ Don't see them praying or seeking the will of the Lord together.
- ✱ Both Paul & Barnabas had the same heart, just different approaches...agreed to disagree.
- ✱ Beauty of issues in the church = grace, forgiveness & redemption - 2 Tim. 4:9-11, Col. 4:10
- ✱ Now there are two missions teams!

16:1-4 / Raising Young Leaders

- * This is the young man Paul is writing to in 1st & 2nd Timothy**
- * Timothy likely saved on the 1st Mission - 1 Tim. 1:2**
- * Result of a godly mom, grandma & praying church - 2 Tim. 1:5-7, 1 Tim. 4:14**
 - ▶ Also, discipleship & training- 2 Tim. 3:10-17**

16:1-4 / Raising Young Leaders

- * Should be asking what's the deal?**
 - ▶ What about chapter 15?**
 - ▶ Gal. 2:3-5 - Didn't circ. Titus**
 - ▶ We don't really know?**
 - 1 Tim. 3:2 - "Above Reproach" - Pastor Jewish/Gentile Church?**
 - 2 Facts - a) Timothy was half Hebrew, b) He had to be willing**

16:5 / Church Grew Daily

1. Strengthen in the Faith (Old Believers)

- ▶ We are here to encourage, train & equip believers for the work ministry**

2. Bring people to Jesus (New Believers)

- ▶ It wasn't Paul saving tons people - he taught believers about Jesus & a life in him**
- ▶ Sheep beget Sheep**

16:6-10 / Vision & Direction

- ✿ **Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit can be challenging at times.**
 - ▶ **1 Kings 19:9-18**
- ✿ **Many times it's as simple as open & closed doors (hard to wait when closed)**
 - ▶ **Paul's heart is right, but God's right timing is different**
 - ▶ **Don't pridefully force open a door!**

“26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

~ **John 14:26-27 | NIV84**

16:11-15 / Divine Appointments

- * No synagogue there? (had to have at least 10 men to start one)**
 - ▶ Note people are still gathering & prayer no less!**
- * Lydia - purple dye expensive to make(shellfish), so cloth expensive.**
 - ▶ She was likely wealthy & influential**
- * Lord has to open a person's heart**

“32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

~ John 12:32 | NIV84


16:11-15 / Divine Appointments

- * You will notice in this chapter 2 different people accept Christ & so do their families**
 - ▶ You can be a “game changer” for your family**
- * Paul is just looking to pray & he gets to lead a whole family to Christ**
- * Just show up & expect the unexpected!**

16:16-18/ Public Relations

- ✱ Why would this be a trial?
- ✱ Two Reasons
 1. Fighting the desire to market Jesus and/or the ministry
 - ▶ If you manipulate or market people into the church, the next best thing will market them out!
 - ▶ Not Jesus' way - Jn 2:12-25

16:16-18/ Public Relations

- ▶ Temptation to use & spend money on gimmicks & techniques like “branding” that sometimes have nothing to do with Christ.
 - ▶ Church’s hiring consultants like commercial businesses
 - ▶ Gospel = we don’t want to sell you anything, but give you a gift!
 - ▶ How will the world know...?
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16:16-18/ Public Relations

2. Mixed Messages

- ▶ Satan's lies are like rat poison = 95% good food...it's the 5% poison that will kill you!
- ▶ We might think this lady can influence so many people, but you don't want her influencing people in this sinful state! (Jesus silenced Lk. 4:35)
- ▶ There's always a catch! (Matt. 4:1-4)

16:16-18/ Public Relations

- ▶ **This is my personal concern when we say we are going to do “everything” the governor says...when we should be doing everything the Lord says!**
 - ▶ **Pray for Christian colleges who have some decisions to make regarding Federal funds.**
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