

Be Encouraged
Full Send Message Series Week 16
Acts 15:36-16:40
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1. Be encouraged- the Holy Spirit works despite our issues and conflicts. (Acts 15:36-41)

“If God had to depend on perfect people to accomplish His work, He would never ever get anything done. Our limitations and imperfections are good reasons for us to depend on the grace of God, for our sufficiency is from Him alone.”

Warren Wiersbe, *Be Daring*, David C. Cook,
Colorado Springs, CO, 1988, p. 43.

2. Be encouraged- the Holy Spirit works through imperfect families. (Acts 16:1-5)

“God can use unhappy, perplexing failures to bring fresh purpose and direction to our lives. He can restore the years the locusts have eaten—with abundance! Even when we are at fault, God will use our failures to bring greater blessing!”

R. Kent Hughes, *Acts*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 1996, p. 208.

3. Be encouraged- the Holy Spirit works despite closed doors.
(Acts 16:16-21)

“Sometimes doors open; other times they shut. The Christian’s life goal is to be faithful whenever the Lord leads and to maintain a humble and open heart along the journey.”

Tony Merida, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Acts*,
B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2017, p. 223.

4. Be encouraged- the Holy Spirit works despite opposition and suffering. (Acts 16:16-34)

5. Be encouraged- the Holy Spirit works in the lives of the wealthy, poor, and working class. (Acts 16:22-34)

“It is also worth noting that not every sinner comes to Christ in exactly the same manner. Timothy was saved partly through the influence of a godly mother and grandmother. Lydia was converted through a quiet conversation with Paul at a Jewish prayer meeting, while the jailer’s conversion was dramatic. Once minute he was a potential suicide, and the next minute he was a child of God!”

Warren Wiersbe, *Be Daring*, David C. Cook,
Colorado Springs, CO, 1988, p. 50.