

The COMMITMENT to Share the Gospel – Acts 16-18:23
Paul's Second Missionary Journey

I. The Gospel **TRAVELS** West – Acts 16

1A. Gospel **REQUIRES** self-sacrifice – 1-5

- 1B. Your **DEATH** is a possibility – Acts 14:19; 2 Tim. 3:11; John 15:20, 16:2
- 2B. Your **DISCOMFORT** is certain – 1-3; Matt. 16:24-27
- 3B. Your **DEDICATION** will bless others – 4-5; Gal. 6:9; Phil. 1:12-14

Note: On Paul's first missionary journey, he was stoned with rocks in Lystra and left for dead – Acts 14:19; (c.f. 2 Tim. 3:11)! Paul did not want to endanger Timothy's life. Timothy's commitment to Christ and spreading His Gospel was outstanding – what a sacrifice for a young man to make – Matt. 16:24-27.

- 2A. They were **REDIRECTED** by the Holy Spirit – 6-8; Pro. 16:9; 19:21 (*KJV “devise” to plan; “devices” – thoughts that lead to plans*) Do you have the faith to allow the Lord Jesus to change your plans?

Note: Paul, Silas, and Timothy committed themselves to walking 400 miles from the region of Phrygia to Troas! On I-5, it is 404 miles from Porterville to Redding!

1B. The Holy Spirit is in **CHARGE** – 2 Cor. 3:17

- 1C. The Holy Spirit is “another” **COMFORTER** – Jn. 14:15-17 (*Jesus uses “another” – equal in quality. Jesus teaches us that he Holy Spirit is His equal!*)
- 2C. The Holy Spirit **CONVICTS** us – Jn. 16:7-11
- 3C. We receive the Holy Spirit when we **CONVERT** to Christ – Gal. 3:26, 4:5-6
- 4C. The Holy Spirit gives us the **CONFIDENCE** to know we belong to Jesus – 1 Jn. 3:24, 4:13
- 5C. The Holy Spirit helps us **CRUCIFY** our sinful ways – Rom. 8:9-18

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- 2B. The Holy Spirit **COMMONDEERS** their plans – 6-7; 2 Cor. 3:17
- 3B. The Holy Spirit **COMMISSIONS** them to Troas – 8

Note: Troas is located to the extreme west of where Paul planned to go. Troas was a key port city for Asian and European exports and located on the northwestern coast of Asia Minor.

- 3A. They **RECEIVED** a vision to know where to go – 9-10 (*Paul committed the team to travel immediately*)
- 4A. They **RELY** on the LORD – 11-40; Ps. 37:7
 - 1B. The LORD **DIRECTS** their path – 11-13; Pro. 3:5-6
 - 2B. They are **DILIGENT** to follow His leading – 14-15
 - 3B. They are **DARRING** in their obedience – 16-18
 - 4B. They faithfully enter **DANGEROUS** circumstances – 19-24
 - 5B. Their **DESIRE** was to worship not complain – 25-27

Note: their desire to worship was stronger than their crummy circumstances.

- 6B. They **DEVOTED** themselves to Christ and His word – 28-34
- 7B. They **DETERMINED** to clear their name – 35-40; Pro. 22:1

Note: “loving favor” is “morally correct, proper, good” and “well pleasing” acceptance from the Lord Jesus not man.