

# The Acts of the Apostles

## Part II: Paul and His Companions Witness in Asia Minor and Europe (Acts 13:1-21:16)

### *Session 4: Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Chapter 15:36-16:40)*

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- I. Paul and Barnabas want to return to every city where they proclaimed God's Word (15:36). What was the issue that arose between them? (15:37-39; cf. 13:13)
  - a. Was it good that they disagreed? What did the Lord accomplish even through potentially sinful disagreement?
  - b. Read Colossians 4:10, Philemon 24, and 2 Timothy 4:11. What seems to have eventually happened between Paul and John Mark?
- II. Why does Paul circumcise Timothy? (16:3)
  - a. How is this similar to the mission mindfulness the Jerusalem Council had agreed upon in chapter 15 between Jews and Gentiles?
  - b. Read Galatians 2:3-5. Why does Paul do something different with Titus?
- III. Who was clearly guiding and directing Paul and Silas in vv. 6-10? What does Paul see at night?
  - a. What is significant about going into Macedonia, whereas previously they had only been in Asia Minor?
  - b. What's different about the narration beginning in v. 10? What does this indicate?
- IV. They didn't go to a synagogue because there likely wasn't one. A city would need ten or more Jewish men to form a synagogue. Where did they go instead? (v. 13)
  - a. Who did they meet? Why is she a significant person?

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- b. What does it say about the importance of women that the Bible often takes time to recognize significant women in the faith? (cf. Luke 8:2-3)
- V. Why was the slave girl kept by her owners? (v. 16) What enabled her to do so?
- a. Read Luke 4:33-34, 41. What does it seem demons are compelled to do when they are in the presence of God or God's holy Word? (v. 17) What was Paul's response? (v. 18)
  - b. What was her owners' response? (v. 19) What were they most concerned about?
  - c. What did the magistrates fail to do before they gave orders for Paul and Silas to be beaten and imprisoned?
- VI. What were Paul and Silas doing, even in jail? (cf. Philippians 4:12)
- a. Why would the jailer's first response be to kill himself? (v. 27)
  - b. What did the jailer ask of Paul and Silas? (v. 30; cf. 2:37)
  - c. What is significant about their answer in v. 31, given the question?
  - d. How did the Philippians jailer demonstrate his newfound faith? (vv. 32-34)
- VII. What did the magistrates intend to do with Paul and Silas the next day? (vv. 35-36)
- a. What did Paul let them know? (v. 37) Was Paul demanding justice and retribution, or why do you think it was important to make their Roman citizenship public?
  - b. What was the reaction of the magistrates? (vv. 38-39)