Our plans don’t always align with God’s plans!

**I. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THE DREAM TEAM.** Acts 16:1-3

Paul linked up with Silas (see 15:40-41) & Timothy, whose name means *God-honoring*.

The **Law of Freedom** vs. the **Law of Love**:

Gal 5:13-14; 1 Cor 10:23-24

Why did Timonthy consent to this action?

Acts 16:3 …*Because of the Jews…*

**II. OPEN & CLOSED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 16:4-10

How do we know God’s Will? Read the Word of God, pray, ask others for godly counsel, and look for opportunities or favorable circumstances.

A more complex answer is to follow the Holy Spirit’s leading!

Four ways God guides us by His Spirit:

 1. Roadblocks. They were *forbidden…*V 6

2. Adverse conditions: physical limitations, circumstances…V 7

 3. Vision…V. 9 (Call to Europe!)

 4. Team agreement. V 10

(Did you see the addition of another missionary? it is easy to miss! See V 10 again!)

**III. GO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, YOUNG MAN.** Acts 16:11

An open door was set before Team Europe! It was a big step closer to Rome!

The Empire was about to be taken on by four men and an **Invisible Missionary**!

**IV. DOWN BY THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 16:12-13

Evidently there was no synagogue.

**V. LADY IN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 16:14-15

Lydia was freeborn Gentile, wealthy, and devout.

She became the first Christian convert in Europe!

(Chapter 16, Part two, next week.)

**CONC:**

**WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED TODAY?**

1. Our plans do not always coincide with God’s plans!

2. Paul formed a new team: Silas, Timothy, and the Holy Spirit. (Later Luke joined them.)

3. The Law of Love should triumph over the Law of Liberty.

4. We learned how to determine God’s will.

5. The Gospel heads west, towards the Roman Empire. This directly affected Western Civilization.

Next Week: Chap 16, part 2,

*“More Divination & Jailtime”*

*Now, Holy Communion!*

*Ans: Rebuilding; Doors; West; Riverside; Purple.*