Today we continue with Acts 16, part 2:

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

There was no synagogue evidently, thus, they met where prayers were wont to be made.

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

Lydia was free-born and a Gentile. She was wealthy and the head of her home. She was also devout in her worship of God. Lydia became the **first Christian convert in Europe**!

**III. DIVINATION IS \_\_\_\_\_ DEVINE!** Acts 16:16-18 Cf.Eze 21:21

Divination, enchantments, fortune-telling, horoscope, Quija boards, seances, Eastern philosophies and meditation, and even drug use all fall under phenomenon in which we are not to engage! Deut 18:10-14

The girl’s words were true enough, but confusing to the populace, thus, Paul grew tired of her comments. V 18b

**IV. FOLLOW THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Acts 16:19-24

The spirit within the girl was not the only thing that vanished…so did the livelihood of her masters! So, they brought charges against the missionaries.

Their garments were removed, and they were beaten with rods, as was the Roman custom. Next, they put Paul and Silas into stocks inside the prison.

**V. TWO MORE CHRISTIAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

Acts 16:25-26

They were worshiping and rejoicing despite the circumstances. Then the miraculous occurred: the earth quaked, and the doors flew open! Chains fell off!

**VI. FREED FROM SIN & FREED FROM JAIL!**

Acts 16:27-40

The jailor asked **the right question**.

Paul & Silas gave **the right answer**.

**VII. NOT SO FAST!** Acts 16:35-36

The authorities had had their entertainment. Now they wanted to release the prisoners. But they hit a snag: V 37!

Paul demanded the magistrates come in person to release them! Vs 38-40

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**CONC:**

**WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED TODAY?**

1. One can worship in a church, a synagogue, by a river, or in a jailcell! ANYWHERE!

2. Divination of any kind is forbidden to the Christian.

3. Profit margin is more important to some than is faith in the living God!

4. Persecution continued for Christians.

5. God can supernaturally deliver us, if He wills.

6. Sometimes the law can be our friend. We are to keep the laws of God and man…unless man’s laws violate God’s!

Next Week, a special treat…

David Waitley will preach!

Acts 17 continues on September 28, the Lord willing.

Ans: Riverside; Purple; Not; Money; Jailbirds;.