

## **Acts 16 Bible Study**

Acts chapter 15 contains the story of the dissension between our missionaries and the Pharisees. This had created a great problem for the church and Peter rose to the occasion to handle the matter with God's Word. Paul and Barnabas receive some help from the elders and the church. John Mark and Silas join the ministry. **Acts 15:35-40**

Acts 16 the ministry continues

Paul and Barnabas part ways and both continue to minister. Paul and Silas journey to Galatia to check on the churches there.

### **Acts 16:1-5**

- The Macedonian call
- Paul is Spirit led and they find themselves in Phillpi. He and Silas got to work there- spirit led, spirit filed power
- Young Timothy joins the ministry.
- The Lord was adding to the church!!!
- What power did these men have? Was the church praying?

### **Preachers Path**

- Luke writes about a few individuals they cross paths with along the way
- Lydia- Christian- Businesswoman----- her heart was opened unto the Lord after she heard the gospel **V.14**
- Opposing forces-damsel possessed by a spirit- demonstration of Satanic powers-she has influenced the people by being able to understand the future- followed Paul and Silas **V.17**
- Paul being Spirit led recognizes the demon and casts it out in the Name of Jesus Christ!!
- Compare Peter recognizing the wickedness of Simon the sorcerer **Acts 8**
- Compare Paul calling out Elymus **Acts 13**  
The demon is gone but the forces are still there, Satan may leave us for moment but he's waiting for the next opportunity friend. After you've claimed a victory or witnessed a miracle, look out.

Important for a new believer to hear from God because Satan can easily sway and turn you away. Satan is the father of lies and the author of confusion.

- V.19-24 Brought before the leaders
- Lies are told- Paul and Silas are arrested and beaten-placed in prison and chains

### **Painful Purpose**

**V.25**

- What is our purpose? Where are you along your path? In prison's chains? In sin's hold?
- Our purpose is to glorify God!!
- **Isa. 43:7, John 15, 1 Corinthians 6:20**
- You are bought with a price, cannot hide that joy within, Praise God in the bad times, Praise Him in the good times!! Amen!
- Where did your path cross with Jesus? Have you trusted Him?

**When the church is praying things start happening! Revival breaks out in the prison! Hallelujah!!**

Compare Acts 12- Peter freed from prison

### **Powerful Praise**

**V.26-29**

Earthquakes, doors opened, chains fall off

- God is our rescuer- He was orchestrating the whole thing
- Paul and Silas gave powerful praise
- Powerful praise+ powerful prayer= pardon
- Paul and Silas are pardoned, nobody had escaped

- Grace pardoned the guard – He tried to commit suicide

**V.30**

- **What must I do to be saved?**
- **Only Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!!**
- **Friend you too only must believe.**
- **John 1:12**
- **Galatians 3:26**
- **To all who believe is the gift of God!!**