“Realities of Outreach”
Acts 16:6-10
Kingdom “Touchdown!” in Newcastle, OK Last Week

Todd Starnes
20 Year Old
Prompted By God to Pay

“It’s not what I did,” Nicholas told me. “It’s what God did through something so small. He took something so small and He glorified his name with it.”
Apostle Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey
49 A.D. – 52 A.D.

Troas

Philippi
“Forbidden To Speak The Word in Asia” (Acts 16:6)

Lord, where are you leading? Did we misunderstand?

John 4 – “fields are ripe unto harvest” (OR NOT) in Asia for Paul and Silas

When God says, “No!” Watch for Him to say “Yes” another place!
“Bithynia – And The Spirit of Jesus Did Not Permit Them” – Acts 16:7

Bithynia work prospered – 1 Peter 1:1 – Roman Governor Pliny 111 A.D. to 113 A.D. “found Christians under his jurisdiction in such numbers that the heathen temples were almost deserted, and the trade in sacrificial animals languished.” (BibleHub.com)

But it WASN’T Paul and Silas doing the work!
“A Man in a Vision” – Acts 16:9-10

Response: “…immediately we sought to go into Macedonia” … “concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel to them” (Vs. 10)

No, no, no, no YES! (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Todd Peterson –
UGA 9\textsuperscript{th} pick 7\textsuperscript{th} round
1993 draft by NY Giants –
tried out 13X;
Arizona Cardinals in 1994
The Reception in Philippi (Yes!)
Acts 16:16-24

Vs. 16 – “divination” + “fortunetelling”
Vs. 18 – spirit cast out in the name of Jesus
Vs. 19 – economic downturn with the Gospel;
  (repentance led to change)
  leading to their arrest, trial.
Vs. 22 – verdict: beaten with rods
Vs. 23 – jailed after beaten
Response From Paul and Silas

PAUL! Did you “hear” correctly in your vision???
Vs. 25 – “praying and singing hymns of praise to God”

And the Kingdom victories in Philippi
Lydia – seller of purple (wealthy)
Jailer – working class, blue collar
Paul crossing **racial** and **cultural** barriers!
Drama Of Babies Leaving the Nest
Realities of Thrust From The Nest and Gospel Outreach

Outreach:
* may be “closed” by the Lord!
* involves risk! (Jesus: John 1:11)
* may be complicated by abuse!
* yields joy and Kingdom satisfaction
* “much” of our work may not be done at 5504 Flat Creek Rd.
“Being Strong in the Lord”
In Today’s Culture

May \underline{result} in scorn and rejections

Job loss, as with
Chief Kelvin Cochran,
Atlanta FD 2013??

“for holding a personal,
religious, Biblical belief”
Takeaways on Outreach

God may well have a “timing” in those you’re trying to reach

Watch for open and closed doors – the latter may help you reach the former! 😊

Rejection and abuse may very well confirm you’re on target in the Lord!