



LESSON 14

ACTS 16:6-40

1. From last week's lesson on **Acts 15:1–16:5**, what has been meaningful to you and how has the Lord used it to deepen your walk of faith?
2. As you read **Acts 16:6-40**, make note of how Paul and his companions are led and the various ways they proclaim the kingdom of **God** with boldness in some unexpected places.
3. In **V6-8**, how did the **Holy Spirit** direct Paul on his second missionary journey? When has the **Holy Spirit** either held you back or urged you towards a certain action?
4. What prompted Paul's decision about his next destination and what did he conclude according to **V9-12**?

5. a) What insights about Lydia, her life, and priorities do you find in **V13-15** and **V40**?
- b) In what circumstances have you seen the **Lord** open someone's heart and how was that person moved or transformed by the experience?
6. Describe the interactions between Paul, the female slave, and her owners in **V16-21**. What conclusions can you draw about the spirit that possessed her and about the people that owned her?
7. Where are Paul and Silas in **V22-25**? How did they get there? What challenges you about their response to the situation?
8. What attributes of **God** are on display in the unexpected events that followed in **V26-34**? How do you explain the actions of Paul, Silas, and the jailer?

9. From **V35-40**, what did the magistrates order and what were Paul's priorities upon release?
10. Read what Paul later wrote to the church in Philippi in **Philippians 1:3-6**. How have you been led to partner in the gospel or what specific people or ministries will you pour into to join in the work the **Lord** has begun?

11. REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS

Meditate on the words **Jesus** spoke in **John 14:16**: “**And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you will know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**” Write a prayer asking the **Lord** to help you hear His **Spirit** clearly and to follow the **Spirit's** counsel without hindrance.

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PRAYER REQUEST