

Defense before Roman Authorities


Unit 11 Acts 24-26



8 "Then Paul made his defense: 'I have done nothing wrong against the law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar.'"

Unit 12 - Paul's Trip to Rome

Acts 27-28



2 "We boarded a ship from Adramyttium about to sail for ports along the coast of Asia, and we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us."

Unit 7 – On To Greece

Acts 15:36-18:22

"The Macedonian Call"

2nd Missionary Journey

8 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9

- Barnabas and John Mark revisit the churches on Cyprus & Silas travel into N. Syria & Cilicia to strengthen churches established earlier.
- From there they revisit the churches in Anatolia that were established on the 1st Mission Trip.
- After this follow up, they preach & establish churches in Galatia & Phrygia before they are called into Greece.

Barnabas and Paul Separate

Acts 15:36-39

36 "Some of them said, 'Let us go back to visit the churches we have founded in Syria and Cilicia and strengthen them.' But Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, because he had deserted them..."

American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language:
 Acts 15:2 "Dispute – to argue, debate, or quarrel about something"
 Acts 15:39 "Disagreement – the act of disagreeing"

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them,"

39 They had such a "sharp disagreement" that they parted company. Greek - "parox-us-Heb 10:24 "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." NIV



One Mission - Separate Travels

Acts 15:39-41

Did they ever work together again? **Yes!**

Was their separation necessary? **Why?**

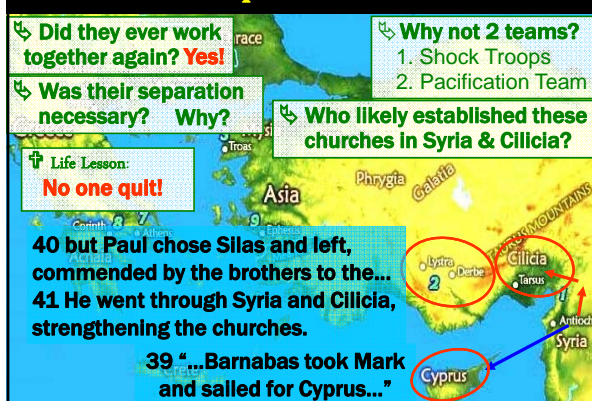
Life Lesson: **No one quit!**

40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the...
 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

39 "...Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus..."

Why not 2 teams?
 1. Shock Troops
 2. Pacification Team

Who likely established these churches in Syria & Cilicia?



At Lystra & Derbe

Acts 16:1-5

- Timothy
- Jewish mother, Greek father.
- Well respected.
- Paul wanted him to come along.
- Paul had him circumcised.

- They delivered the letter from the apostles in Jerusalem.
- The churches were strengthened in faith.
- Their number grew daily.



Throughout Phrygia & Galatia Acts 16:6-8
6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in Asia.

Life Lesson: God leads by closing doors too!

2nd Missionary Journey (Acts 16-18a)

7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

Vision at Troas Acts 16:9-10

9 "During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him ...

10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

Life Lesson: God has a place for all willing hands!

Into Macedonia Acts 16:11-12

2nd Missionary Journey (Acts 16-18a)

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

Lydia, the first convert in Greece Acts 16:13-15

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

14 One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God.

The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home.

A Demon Possessed Girl Acts 16:16-18

17 "This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' 18 She kept this up for many days."

Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, **'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!'**

Life Lesson: How will her owners feel about her healing?

Life Lesson: Does "demon possession" exist today?

The Indignation of Greed Acts 16:19-21

19 "When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities." 20 ... "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful ..."

Life Lesson: For the crowd, a good street riot does not come along every day.

"...the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison..." "...guard them carefully."

24 "Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks."

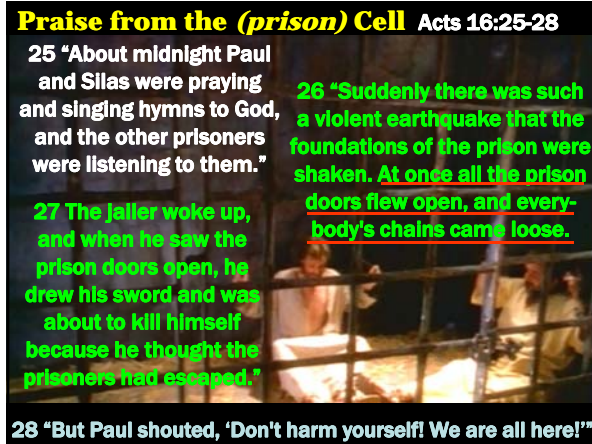
Praise from the (prison) Cell Acts 16:25-28

25 "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them."

26 "Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose."

27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped."

28 "But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'"



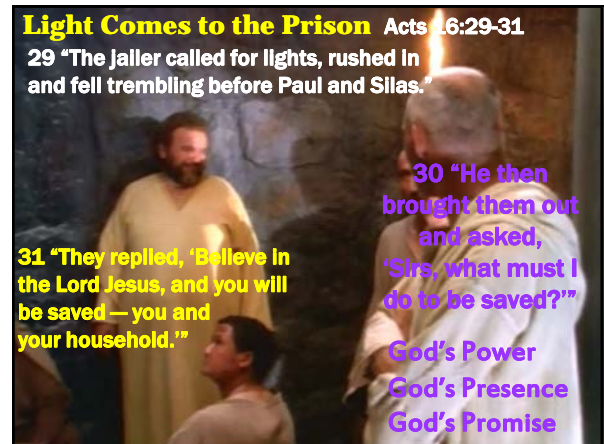
Light Comes to the Prison Acts 16:29-31

29 "The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas."

30 "He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'"

31 "They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household.'"

God's Power
God's Presence
God's Promise



He Hears & Obeys the Gospel Acts 16:32-34

32 "Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house."

33 "At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized."

34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God — he and his whole family."

He Heard
He Believed & Obeyed
He Rejoiced

Why does obeying the gospel bring joy?
WE ARE... - Not one Not one Not one Not one



On To Greece

Acts 15b-18a

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