



THIS WAY

THAT WAY

ANOTHER WAY

NO WAY

LOVING SOULS,
IMPACTING
NATIONS

PAUL IN PHILIPPI

Exploring how
the Holy Spirit
leads us on mission





⁶ Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

ACTS 16:6-9 NKJV

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¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis,

¹² and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.

Acts 16:10-12 NKJV

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¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

¹⁴ Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

Acts 16:13-14 NKJV

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¹⁵ And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Acts 16:15 NKJV

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MAP OF PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY





UKRAINE

MOLDOVA

ROMANIA

RUSSIA

BULGARIA

GEORGIA

MACEDONIA

ARMENIA

GREECE

AZERBAIJAN

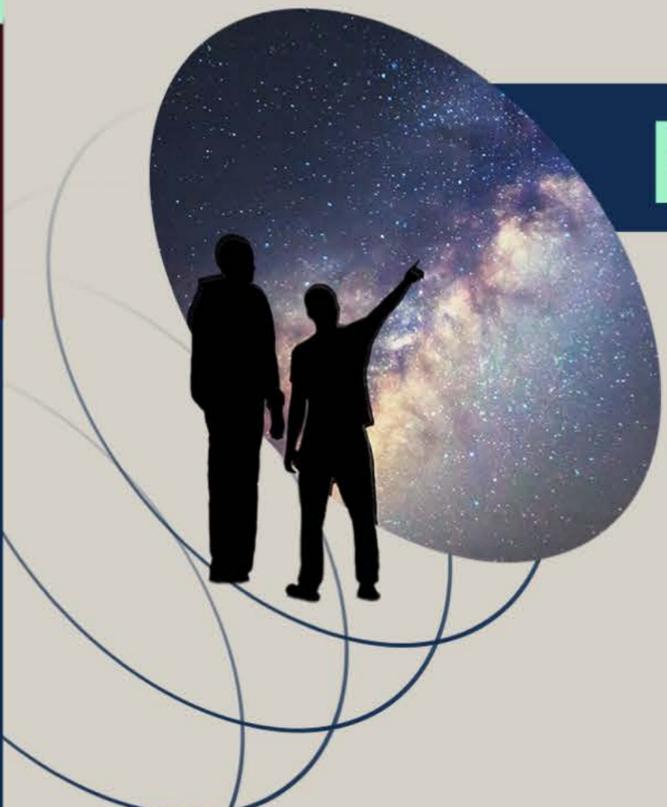
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HOLY SPIRIT

GUIDES THEM

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HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES THEM

‘forbidden by the Holy Spirit’ v6

‘The Spirit did not permit them’ v7

‘a vision in the night’ v9



HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES THEM

- Holy Spirit both forbids and confirms
- He not only helps us discern good from evil, but the good from the best
- Paul was receptive and obedient
- He has someone waiting on the other side of our obedience



**HE LEADS THEM TO AN
UNFAMILIAR PLACE**

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'after some days in the city' v12

- Jewish law
 - 10 men to form a small synagogue (minion)



HE LEADS THEM TO AN UNFAMILIAR PLACE

- **Greek *'proseuche'*** = place of prayer
- No Synagogue, no men,
but a group of women beside a river
- Paul's preferred method and model were irrelevant; He had to rely upon God



HOLY SPIRIT

REVEALS JESUS

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HOLY SPIRIT

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- Lydia a businesswoman from Thyatira in province of Lydia
- Seller of purple – innovative idea



HOLY SPIRIT

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- Person of Peace
Luke 9 & 10, Matthew 10, Mark 6
- **'we sat down and spoke to the women' v13**
- **'The Lord opened her heart' v14**

FOR DEEPER REFLECTION

Pause and ask yourself in what ways has the Holy Spirit been leading you on mission recently:

- Directing and confirming His plan for your life?
- Leading you to unfamiliar and uncomfortable places?
- Asking you to slow down and share Jesus with someone?