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Acts 16:1-5 – Timothy Joins Them

- Timothy was a Jewish/Greek believer
- Timothy was a young man that had a good reputation – Acts 16:2
- Paul went to Debre and Lystra
- The biggest change was Timothy and he would seem to be a replacement for John Mark
- Paul had Timothy get **circumcised** – Acts 16:3
- This wasn't because he had too but did it not to offend the Jews
- This had nothing to do with Timothy's salvation but was for him to reach people
- Paul did not force Titus to get circumcised as a pure Greek, because of a Gentile **liberty** – Galatians 2:3-5
- As Paul and Timothy went about in different cities they strengthened the faith of the believers – Acts 16:4-5

Acts 16:6-10 – Called to Macedonian

- Paul goes into southern Asia wanting to preach the gospel
- The Holy Spirit makes sure that he doesn't do this
- Southern Asia will hear the gospel on Paul's **third** missionary trip just not right now – Acts 18:24-19:41
- For whatever reason God didn't want Paul there yet
- Paul was at Troas and had a vision and was led to Macedonia
- Paul was certain that God wanted him to go there and Preach the gospel
- Paul didn't waste any time going to Macedonia – Acts 16:10
- Luke uses the word **we**, as if he is there. Next chapter he starts to use the word they

Acts 16:11-17 – Lydia's Conversion

- Paul and Timothy landed in Macedonia
- Paul went to a place of prayer and met a woman named **Lydia**

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- Lydia had been from the city of Thyatira and sold valuable things
- God had opened her heart and she believed – Acts 16:14
- After this Lydia and her home had gotten baptized
- They then went and stayed with Lydia at her house – Acts 16:15

Acts 16:18-24 – Back to Prison

- Not soon after God does amazing work does Satan show up
- Paul comes across a **demon** possessed slave girl
- Paul casts out the demon out of her in his frustration
- This doesn't appease the slave owners Acts 16:19
- These owners took Paul and Silas and took them to the authorities
- The people verbally **attack** them and then physically attacked them
- After getting beaten and clothes torn they had went to jail – Acts 16:23
- The jailer put in some extra measures to make sure they couldn't escape as he was asked to do
- Paul seems to be finding themselves here a lot

Acts 16:25-40 – The Philippian Jailer converted

- It looked like their ministry was coming to an **end**
- At midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns and an earthquake came
- The doors were opened and the chains were loosened – Acts 16:26
- The Jailer woke up and was going to **kill** himself
- The Jailers would have probably died if anyone found out that they escaped
- Paul stops him and then the Jailer asks what he must do to become saved
- V.32 makes it seem like one person can save their whole household
- V.33 explains why that can't happen
- That same hour they **all** got baptized
- Later Paul and Silas are going to get released but don't want to unless the government does it themselves – Acts 16:37
- You would never put a Roman on a cross or flog a Roman citizen
- The government was afraid of them, came and then let them go