

PORTRAITS OF TWO VERY DIFFERENT WOMEN

(Acts 16:11-24)

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
- II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)
- III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)
- IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

- A. Paul and Barnabas Split and Go Their Separate Ways (15:36-41)
- B. Paul and Silas Revisit the Churches in Southern Galatia (16:1-5)
- C. Paul Receives a Vision from the Holy Spirit to Go to Macedonia (16:6-10)
- D. After Entering Philippi the Missionaries are Introduced to Lydia (16:11-15)

1. The missionaries (Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke) sailed from Troas to the island of Samothrace, and then on to Macedonia; Philippi was the _____ city where they _____ the _____ in Europe. (vv. 11-12)

2. Apparently there wasn't enough Jews in Philippi to warrant a synagogue, so the missionaries sought the "God seekers" _____ the city by the river where they _____ to a group of _____ who were holding a prayer meeting. (v. 13)

3. A certain woman named Lydia was a worshipper of God, she was a _____ from Thyatira, which was known for its _____ fabrics, dye, and cloth. (v. 14a)

4. From the human side Lydia _____ what Paul was teaching and _____ the Gospel; from the divine side, "*the Lord* _____ *her heart*". (v. 14b)

5. Lydia's conversion was soon followed by her _____, and then an offer of hospitality to give her the honor to _____ these missionaries in her _____ home. (v. 15)

E. Paul Casts a Demon out of a Local Girl and He and Silas are Arrested (16:16-24)

1. No sooner were lost people saved when Satan began to _____ the work in Philippi; here he used a _____ who made her masters wealthy by telling fortunes. (v. 16)

2. This demon possessed girl followed the missionaries around and kept on saying, "*These men are the _____ of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the _____ of _____.*" (v. 17)

3. This demonized young lady carried on for days, until Paul had had _____, he turned around and _____ the demon in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (v. 18)

4. The slave girl's masters were infuriated as they saw their lucrative _____ before their eyes, so they _____ Paul and Silas to the authorities. (v. 19)

5. The angry mob and the kangaroo court passed sentence on them quickly.
 - a. Rome _____ the people of its colonies to have their own _____ but not to proselytize Roman citizens. (v. 20)

 - b. These magistrates could _____ distinguish between Judaism and Christianity, so they _____ that the preaching of Paul and Silas was a flagrant _____ of imperial law. (v. 21)

 - c. Paul and Silas' punishment was quite severe, they were _____ with rods many times, they were placed in the _____ prison, and had their feet _____ in stocks. (vv. 22-24)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?