

When God Changes The Plan

Acts 15:36-41

36. Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."

37. Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them,

38. but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

39. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company.

Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,

40. but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

41. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 16:1-10

1. He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek.

2. The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

3. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4. As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey.

5. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

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 the province of Asia.

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.

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

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.

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

1. We must be willing to yield to the Holy Spirit!

2. When we yield to the Spirit, world changing things can happen!

John 10:1 - "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 - "For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us."

1 Thess. 3:5 - For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

In 1 Thess. 3:11 - Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

Charles Swindoll - "God's heavenly plan doesn't always make earthly sense."

William Barclay - "However far you go, it is not much use if it is not in the right direction!"