

## **When God brings Us On A Detour!**

Acts 16:6-10

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.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**I. Detours appear suddenly and without warning!**

**II. We hardly ever know the length of the detour!**

**III. Most detours are rough and winding!**

**IV. Detours sometimes do have good points!**

**V. A detour always leads to an appreciation of the good highway!**

**VI. On a detour you drive more or less by faith**

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*1. You can turn around and go back!*

**Picture:** From guy who ignored the detour signs saying, "Do you believe the detour signs now?"

*2. You can take the detour and grumble and complain about it the whole time!*

*3. You can accept the detours of life and not let them steal your joy*

2 Cor. 11:23b-31

23b. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

24. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

25. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

26. I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.

27. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

28. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

29. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

30. If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

31. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying.

Rom. 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."