



Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey. Acts 15:41-18:22 Late AD 49-Mid AD 53

Prologue:

The Jerusalem Council: Acts 15:1-35 Debate over whether Gentile Christians needed to submit to the Law of Moses in order to be saved. The question was particularly about circumcision. It was answered by the council that no, they do not need to observe circumcision. The apostles did state that believers in Christ were not to eat food sacrificed to idols, commit sexual immorality or eat meat from an animal that had been strangled.

Barnabas and Paul part ways. Acts 15:36-41 The parting of Paul and Barnabas was over whether or not John Mark should accompany them on the mission's trip. Barnabas said that yes, he should, Paul disagreed- so they parted ways. Barnabas took John Mark and went one way, Paul took Silas and went another way.

Who do you think was right? Does it matter?

What good if any came out of this disagreement?

The Trip:

1. In Syria and Cilicia: Acts 15:41

Paul may have written his letter to the Galatians at this time.

2. Timothy joins the team in Lystra. Acts 16:1-5

Paul determines to have another young man travel with them. This time Timothy.

We read a bit of Timothy's background in 2 Timothy 1:3-7.

Timothy and Paul's relationship would grow over the years with Paul calling him, His son in the faith.
1 Timothy 1:1,2

3. Paul's vision of a man from Macedonia. Acts 16:6-10

This vision comes to Paul when he is in Troas on the Coast. He could not figure out where God wanted them to go, They attempted to go into Asia, but in some way the Holy Spirit prevented them from travelling there. However, it happened, the team was convinced they were to not go into those regions. Paul eventually receives a vision or a Man from Macedonia asking him to come help them.

What do you do to determine God's will or direction?

1 Thessalonians 5:17 _____

James 1:2-8 _____

Romans 12:1-2 _____

4. In Philippi, the conversion of Lydia and a jailer. 16:13-34

Conversion of Lydia verses 13-15

Successful businesswoman and worshipper of God. God's word states, "The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."

The Lord opens hearts and minds. Luke 24:45

Paul and Silas in Prison. 16-40

They are thrown in prison because Paul casts a demon out of a slave girl who was a fortune teller.

They were basically charged with causing a disturbance. Acts 16:20

We read of the power of praise! Acts 16:25-31. It tears down walls. _____

Because of Paul and Silas' joy in difficulty, people are saved from their sins. Acts 16:29-34