

Sermon Notes  
Acts 16  
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(Act 16:1) Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.

(Act 16:2) He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

(Act 16:3) Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

(Act 16:4) As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

(Act 16:5) So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

(Act 16:6) And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

(Act 16:7) And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

(Act 16:8) So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

(Act 16:9) And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

(Act 16:10) And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

(Act 16:11) So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

(Act 16:12) and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.

(Act 16:13) And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

**(Act 16:14) One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.**

*(Luk 24:45) Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,*

*(1Jn 5:20) And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

(Act 16:15) And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

**(Act 16:16) As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.**

(Act 16:17) She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

(Act 16:18) And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

**(Act 16:19) But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.**

(Act 16:20) And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city.

(Act 16:21) They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."

**(Act 16:22) The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.**

**(Act 16:23) And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.**

***Count the cost...they have been beaten viciously, Paul already had been beaten unto death...What is Jesus worth to you? Look at what Jesus himself said...***

*Luk 14:26-34 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. (27) Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (28) For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? (29) Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, (30) saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' (31) Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? (32) And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. (33) So therefore,*

any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (34)  
"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?"

***This is why Paul can say these words...***

*Php 3:1-21 Finally, my brothers, **rejoice in the Lord.** To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. (2) Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. (3) For **we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh--** (4) though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: (5) circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; (6) as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. (7) **But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- (10) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (11) that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (12) Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. (13) Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, (14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (15) **Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise,** God will reveal that also to you. (16) Only let us hold true to what we have attained. (17) Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. (18) **For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. (19) Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.** (20) But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (21) who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.***

(Act 16:24) Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

(Act 16:25) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

(Act 16:26) and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

(Act 16:27) When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

(Act 16:28) But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

(Act 16:29) And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

**(Act 16:30) Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"**

**(Act 16:31) And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."**

**(Act 16:32) And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.**

*(Joh 17:3) And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

*(Php 3:8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (Php 3:9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- (Php 3:10) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

(Act 16:33) And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

(Act 16:34) Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

(Act 16:35) But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go."

(Act 16:36) And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace."

(Act 16:37) But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out."

(Act 16:38) The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens.

(Act 16:39) So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city.

(Act 16:40) So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.