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“Spiritual Opposition Can Be God’s Will!”

Acts 16:6-12a

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Now when **They** (**Paul, Silas, & Timothy**) had gone through **Phrygia** and the **Region of Galatia**, **They** were forbidden by the **Holy Spirit** to **Preach the Word** in “**Asia**” (“**Asia Minor**”). After **They** had come to **Mysia**, **They** tried to go into **Bithynia**, but the **Spirit** did not permit **Them**. So, passing by **Mysia**, **They** came down to **Troas** ...

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... And a **Vision Appeared** to **Paul** in the night. A **Man of Macedonia** stood and pleaded with **Him**, saying, “**Come over to Macedonia and help Us!**” Now after **He** had seen the **Vision**, immediately **We** (**Paul, Silas, & Timothy**) sought to go to **Macedonia**, concluding that the **Lord** had called Us to **Preach the Gospel** to **Them** ...

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Therefore, sailing from **Troas**, **We** (**Paul, Silas, & Timothy**) ran a straight course to **Samothrace**, and the next day came to **Neapolis**, and from there to **Philippi**, which is the **Foremost City** of that **Region of Macedonia**, (being) a **Colony** (of mostly **Roman Army Veterans**). **Acts 16:6-12a (NKJV)**

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Q

**“What Is Luke Recording Here In The 16th Chapter
Of The Book Of Acts / Volume II Of His Early Church History?”**

A

The Beginning Of Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey (50 – 52 A.D.)

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Q

“What Was The Two-Fold Mission Of The 2nd Journey?”

A1

**To Visit: Return,¹ Report,² Encourage,³ & Equip⁴ The Existing Churches
That Were Founded During The 1st Missionary Journey**

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“Now when They (Paul, Silas, & Timothy) had gone through Phrygia and the Region of Galatia.”

Acts 16:6a

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A2

**To Visit New Areas & Start New Churches,
To Find Opportunity To Share The Gospel Of The Good News
& To Seek New Converts To The Church By Faith Using A 4-Part Method**

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NOTE

**Paul Always Uses A 4-Part Method
When Sharing The Gospel of Good News**

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1) OT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God’s People According To God’s Plan & Promise

2) NT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God’s People Fulfilled In Jesus Christ

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3) Support With Various Scriptures

Use The Scriptures Read In The Synagogue / Church Meeting That Day
&/Or Use Supporting Scriptures From The Bible

4) Exhort & Encourage

The Audience To Go Further In Their Thinking & Understanding Of The Past & Their Lives

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A2

When Visiting New Areas & Start New Churches,
To Find Opportunity To Share The Gospel Of The Good News
& To Seek New Converts To The Church By Faith

2 # Outcomes Are Possible

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1) Spiritual Opposition Can Be God’s Will

They were forbidden by the *Holy Spirit* to *Preach the Word* in “Asia” (“Asia Minor”).

“After They had come To Mysia, They tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit Them.”

Acts 16:6b-7

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2) Spiritual Perseverance Pays Dividends

“So, passing by Mysia, They came down to Troas. And a *Vision Appeared* to Paul in the night.”

Acts 16:8-9a

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Q

“What Did The Divine Vision Show & Tell Them To Do?”

A

To Pay Attention To God’s Will At This Time & To Go Macedonia Instead Of Asia Minor

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“And a *Vision Appeared* to Paul in the night. A Man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with Him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help Us!” Acts 16:9

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Q

“What Did Paul, Silas & Timothy Discern In The Holy Spirit Concerning The Divine Vision?”

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A

They Concluded That While The Holy Spirit Of God Had Previously Opposed Them
When They Wanted To Go To Asia Minor To Preach The Gospel,
He Was Instead Calling Them To Go To Macedonia To Preach There At This Moment In Time!

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“Now after He had seen the *Vision*, immediately We (Paul, Silas, & Timothy) sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the *Lord* had called Us to *Preach the Gospel* to Them.” Acts 16:10

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Q

“What Did They Immediately Do After Making Their Conclusion In The Spirit?”

A

They Made Immediate Travel Plans & Began Their Journey

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“Therefore, sailing from Troas, We (Paul, Silas, & Timothy) ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is the Foremost City of that Region of Macedonia, (being) a Colony (of mostly Roman Army Veterans).” Acts 16:11-12a

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Q

“What Will Be The Outcome Of This Historic Journey?”

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A1

**The Foundation Of The Church In Philippi Will Be Laid Down,
& An Epistle Of The New Testament Will Be Written!**

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A2

**Some Of The Hardest People (Soldiers – Veterans) To Reach
With The Gospel Message Will Be Convinced & Find Faith In Christ!**

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A3

**These Veterans Will Become True Soldiers Of Christ & His Cross
& They Will Stop At Nothing To Share The Good News
& The Truth Of The Gospel To The World,
For They Fear Nothing - Not Even Death!**

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**“Let Us Then Re-Up Our Commitment, Commission, & Enlistment,
As Christian Soldiers In The Army Of The Cross,
To Further The Cause Of The Name Of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!”**

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**“By Telling Again & Again, His Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness, & Love,
To A Lost & Dying World, So Desperately In Need Of Truth & Hope!”**

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**“Let Us His True Soldiers Of The Cross,
Declare Again Our Holy & Faithful Commitment To Our King!”**

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**“Not Unto Us Oh Lord, Not Unto Us,
But To Thy Holy Name May We Bring Glory,
Forever & Ever, AMEN!”**



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Appendix

City Of Philippi

The **City Of Philippi** was an Important Center in Southeastern Europe
In the Modern & Ancient Region of Macedonia:

- 1) **Main Roman City & Colony** of Macedonia Lying on the **“Via Egnatia”**
This is the **Main East – West Road** Across Europe to Macedonia to Asia Minor – East
- 2) **Philippi** (Located Between the **Strymon & Nestos River Systems**) Was An Important Cargo
& Agricultural Center of Trade
- 3) **Main Retirement Center** for All Veterans of 25 Years or More Service To Rome
- 4) **Main Seat Of Government For Rome** To All Asian Eastern Provinces **“Ius Italicum”**
The Official Seat Of Rome Answering To Rome Alone - Named In Honor Of Octavian’s Victory
Over Marc Antony in 31 B.C.
- 5) No Poll Or Property Taxes Were Paid To Province Or Rome In This City – **“Duty Free City”**
- 6) A Miny **Microcosm of Roman Society** In Every Detail
- 7) **Governed By A Proconsul & Senate** Seat After **44 A.D.** (Currently **51 A.D.** When Visited)
- 8) **Greco-Roman Culture & Religion** Only – No Known Official Jewish Presence / Religion
- 9) **Main Greco-Roman School of Medicine** – Luke Studied Medicine Here & Considered It His
“Alma Mater”
- 10) Luke Considered **Philippi** His Chosen Hometown After Moving From **Antioch on the Orontes**
His Birth Hometown