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After some time Paul said to Barnabas, “Let’s go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord,

Acts 15:36a (NLT)

To see how the new believers are doing.”

Acts 15:36b (NLT)

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**Barnabas agreed and wanted to
take along John Mark.**

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But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work.

Acts 15:38 (NLT)

Their disagreement was so sharp
that they separated. Barnabas took
John Mark with him and sailed for
Cyprus.

Acts 15:39 (NLT)

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Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care.

Acts 15:40 (NLT)

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New Partners

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Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy.

Acts 16:1a (NLT)

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His mother was a Jewish believer,
but his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:1b (NLT)

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Timothy was well thought of by the
believers in Lystra and Iconium,

Acts 16:2 (NLT)

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So Paul wanted him to join them on their journey. In deference to the Jews of the area,

Acts 16:3a (NLT)

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He arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:3b (NLT)

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Then they went from town to town,
instructing the believers to follow
the decisions made by the apostles
and elders in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:4 (NLT)

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So the churches were strengthened
in their faith and grew larger every
day.

Acts 16:5 (NLT)

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New Places

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Next Paul and Silas traveled through
the area of Phrygia and Galatia,

Acts 16:6a (NLT)

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Because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.

Acts 16:6b (NLT)

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Then coming to the borders of
Mysia, they headed north for the
province of Bithynia,

Acts 16:7a (NLT)

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But again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.

Acts 16:7b(NLT)

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So instead, they went on through
Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

Acts 16:8 (NLT)

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That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him,

Acts 16:9a (NLT)

“Come over to Macedonia and help us!”

Acts 16:9b (NLT)

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So we decided to leave for
Macedonia at once, having
concluded that God was calling us
to preach the Good News there.

Acts 16:10 (NLT)

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We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis.

Acts 16:11 (NLT)

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From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days.

Acts 16:12 (NLT)

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New Christians

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On the Sabbath we went a little way
outside the city to a riverbank,
where we thought people would be
meeting for prayer,

Acts 16:13a (NLT)

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And we sat down to speak with
some women who had gathered
there.

Acts 16:13b (NLT)

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One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God.

Acts 16:14a (NLT)

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As she listened to us, the Lord
opened her heart, and she accepted
what Paul was saying.

Acts 16:14b (NLT)

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She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,”

Acts 16:15a (NLT)

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She said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.

Acts 16:15b (NLT)

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One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future.

Acts 16:16a (NLT)

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She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes.

Acts 16:16b (NLT)

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She followed Paul and the rest of us,
shouting, “These men are servants
of the Most High God, and they have
come to tell you how to be saved.”

Acts 16:17 (NLT)

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This went on day after day until Paul
got so exasperated that he turned
and said to the demon within her,

Acts 16:18a (NLT)

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**“I command you in the name of
Jesus Christ to come out of her.”
And instantly it left her.**

Acts 16:18b (NLT)

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Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace.

Acts 16:19 (NLT)

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“The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!” they shouted to the city officials.

Acts 16:20 (NLT)

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“They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice.”

Acts 16:21 (NLT)

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A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods.

Acts 16:22 (NLT)

They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.

Acts 16:23 (NLT)

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So the jailer put them into the inner
dungeon and clamped their feet in
the stocks.

Acts 16:24 (NLT)

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Around midnight Paul and Silas
were praying and singing hymns to
God, and the other prisoners were
listening.

Acts 16:25 (NLT)

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Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations.

Acts 16:26a (NLT)

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All the doors immediately flew open,
and the chains of every prisoner fell
off!

Acts 16:26b (NLT)

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The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself.

Acts 16:27 (NLT)

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But Paul shouted to him, “Stop!
Don’t kill yourself! We are all here!”

Acts 16:28 (NLT)

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The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Acts 16:29 (NLT)

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Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Acts 16:30 (NLT)

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They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”

Acts 16:31 (NLT)

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And they shared the word of the
Lord with him and with all who lived
in his household.

Acts 16:32 (NLT)

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Even at that hour of the night, the
jailer cared for them and washed
their wounds.

Acts 16:33a (NLT)

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Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized.

Acts 16:33b (NLT)

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He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

Acts 16:34 (NLT)

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The next morning the city officials
sent the police to tell the jailer, “Let
those men go!”

Acts 16:35 (NLT)

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So the jailer told Paul, “The city officials have said you and Silas are free to leave. Go in peace.”

Acts 16:36 (NLT)

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But Paul replied, “They have publicly beaten us without a trial and put us in prison—and we are Roman citizens.

Acts 16:37a (NLT)

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So now they want us to leave
secretly? Certainly not! Let them
come themselves to release us!”

Acts 16:37b (NLT)

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When the police reported this, the city officials were alarmed to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens.

Acts 16:38 (NLT)

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So they came to the jail and apologized to them. Then they brought them out and begged them to leave the city.

Acts 16:39 (NLT)

When Paul and Silas left the prison,
they returned to the home of Lydia.

Acts 16:40a (NLT)

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There they met with the believers
and encouraged them once more.
Then they left town.

Acts 16:40b (NLT)

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