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*has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."*

*Acts 17:32 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." ...<sup>34</sup> A few men became followers of Paul and believed.*

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### **Corinth, Ephesus, and return home**

*Acts 18:1 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.*

*Acts 18:5 When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.*

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*Acts 18:7 Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.*

*Acts 18:9 One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." <sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.*

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## **Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey**

### **The Life and Ministry of Paul—part 7**

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#### **"Lord, Where Should We Go?"**

*Acts 16:6a 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.*

*Acts 16:7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. <sup>8</sup> So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.*

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*Acts 16:9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."*

*Acts 16:10 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.*

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#### **Philippi**

*Acts 16:14 One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home.*

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*Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

*Acts 16:26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.*

*Acts 16:27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself*

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because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

Acts 16:28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"<sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Acts 16:32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.<sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.<sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole family.

Acts 16:35 When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men."

Acts 16:36 The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."

### Thessalonica and Berea

Acts 17:1 When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to **Thessalonica**, where there was a Jewish synagogue.<sup>2</sup> As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

<sup>4</sup> Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

Acts 17:10 As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to **Berea**. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.<sup>11</sup> Now the Bereans were of more noble

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character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.<sup>12</sup> Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

### Paul's sermon in Athens

Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

Acts 17:18 ... They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

<sup>22</sup> Paul... said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.<sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.<sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

<sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

<sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.<sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill.

<sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.<sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he

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