

THE DAILY FLIP DEVOTIONAL

*Learning to live life upside down,
one day at a time*

Scripture

Acts 15:36-16:10

Disagreement Between Paul and Barnabas

³⁶ Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸ but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹ They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

16 Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. ² The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and

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elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia

⁶ 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. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 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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Study Questions

Monday:

What stood out this week from Pastor Jimmy's Message?

Tuesday:

Have you ever sensed that the Holy Spirit stopped or redirected an activity of yours?

Wednesday:

How might we be alert to ways in which the Spirit directs us today?

Thursday:

Why did Paul and Barnabas enter into a "sharp disagreement?" What does it say about their characters and personalities? What does it say about human relationships?

Friday:

Do you struggle with making sure you have control of your life's circumstances? How do you feel when things do not go your way? How do you react to God and his calling upon your life?

TODAY @ THE FLIPSIDE

Road Trip *Mission to the Ends of the Earth*

Speaker: Pastor Jimmy Beach-Davey

Notes: