



EPISODE 4: September 27/28
 The Witness in Greece I: Macedonia and Philippi
 Acts 15:36–16:40

- I. THE RE-LAUNCH
 - a. The Disagreement in Antioch (15:35–41): Paul and Barnabas have a sharp disagreement.
 - i. The reason for this disagreement (15:35–38): Should John Mark accompany the team during the second missionary journey?
 1. *Barnabas says yes* (15:35–37).
 2. *Paul says no* (15:38).
 - ii. The results of this argument (15:39–41).
 1. *Barnabas and John Mark set sail for Cyprus* (15:39).
 2. *Paul and Silas leave for Asia Minor* (15:40–41).
- II. SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
 - a. The Circumcision at **Lystra** (16:1–5).
 - i. Paul circumcises Timothy, who now joins the team (16:3b).
 - ii. Paul does this so as not to offend the Jews. Timothy’s mother is Jewish, but his father is a Gentile (16:1–3a).
 - iii. The team preaches the gospel in surrounding areas with much success (16:4–5).
 - b. The Call at **Troas** (16:6–10)—The Man of Macedonia
 - i. The Spirit tells Paul not to go north or south (16:6–8).
 - ii. The Spirit tells Paul to go west (16:9–10): Paul has a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading with him to come and help the Macedonians.

- c. **Philippi:** The Conversions at Philippi (16:11–34): The gospel team wins two key people to Jesus and frees one person from a demon.
- i. Lydia: A businesswoman (16:11–15).
 1. (16:11–13): It occurs at a prayer meeting beside a river.
 2. She is a merchant of expensive purple cloth (16:14).
 3. Lydia is baptized as a testimony of her newfound faith (16:15).
 - ii. A Slave Girl (16:16–21).
 1. *Demonic Possession and Exploitation* (16:16–17).
 - a. The demon enables the girl to tell fortunes, earning much money for the girl’s masters (16:16).
 - b. The demon pretends to agree with the message preached by Paul (16:17).
 2. *Deliverance* (16:18–23).
 - a. The girl is set free (16:18). Paul commands the demon to leave her.
 - b. The apostles are set upon (16:19–23). Paul and Silas are arrested, beaten, and imprisoned.
 - iii. A Prison Guard-- *The Philippian Jailer* (16:24–34).
 1. The Philippian Jailer is ordered to secure the two prisoners or (most likely) forfeit his life (16:24).
 2. *The Worship and Earthquake* (16:25–26).
 - a. He hears Paul and Silas praising God (16:25).
 - b. God sends an earthquake that frees all the inmates (16:26).
 3. *Literal and Spiritual Salvation* (16:27–31).
 - a. Believing the prisoners have escaped, he prepares to kill himself (16:27).
 - b. Being assured by Paul that no one has left the prison, he asks how to be saved! (16:28–31).
 - c. Responding to Paul’s answer, the jailer and his family are saved and baptized (16:32–33).
 4. With great joy the new convert washes the wounds of the disciples and feeds them (16:34).
 - d. Postlude (16:35–40)
 - i. The Authorities’ Fear (16:35–39): Upon learning that the men they have beaten and imprisoned are Roman citizens, the city officials apologize to Paul and Silas and beg them to leave the city.
 - ii. The Apostles’ Freedom (16:40) - Paul and Silas return to the home of Lydia to meet with other believers before leaving town.