



The Second Missionary Journey

Acts 15:36-18:22

A. Christ's Power: Not Limited by Circumstance

1. The difference is in the different.

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'"

Acts 16:25-28 (NIV)

2. The power of different is realized.

"The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'" Acts 16:29-30 (NIV)

3. The power of the Gospel creates joy.

"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.' Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 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 household."

Acts 16:31-34 (NIV)

B. Christ's Power: Unknown to Known

1. Paul's was an identifiable message.

"Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 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. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.'" Acts 17:22-23 (NIV)

2. Paul's was a contrastable message.

"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 human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.'" Acts 17:24-28 (NIV)

3. Paul's was a transformable message.

"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 human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.' 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.'" Acts 17:29-32 (NIV)

C. Lessons From Journey #2

1. Look into every message you hear.

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men." Acts 17:11 (NIV)

2. Do not let ignorance interfere with boldness.

"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.'" Acts 18:9-10 (NIV)

3. Darkness and chains are no match for God!

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains." Psalms 107:13-14 (NIV)

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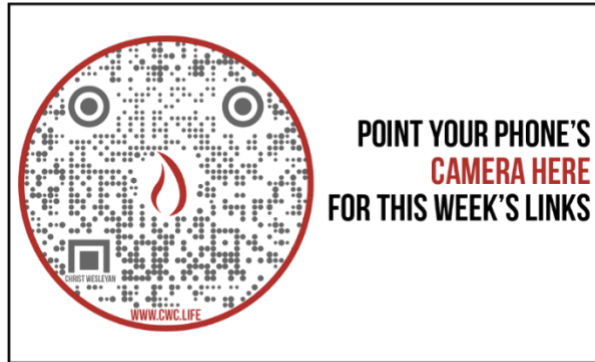
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the factory batteries.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: "Jesus" to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: "impACTS"

Week 6: Paul's Second Missionary Journey
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 83.4% of goal

Giving year to date: 83.5% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,895

Salvations to date: 42 | Baptisms to date: 35

Upcoming Happenings:

September 21: Valley Worship Night – 6:00p

October 12: Food Packing Party-9:00a

October 25: Trunk or Treat – 6:30p

Notetakers are History Makers