

CONNECTED, DIRECTED & SELECTED

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How God helps us while we are on mission...

I. God **CONNECTS** - Timothy joins Paul & Silas (Acts 16:1-5)

A. God connects us to the perfect _____.

1 He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. 2 The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

B. God connects us through the perfect _____.

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.

C. God connects us with His perfect _____.

4 As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

II. God **DIRECTS** – Paul’s vision of Macedonian Man (Acts 16:6-12)

A. God directs through open & closed _____.

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.

B. God directs as we actively _____.

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. 11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

III. God **SELECTS** – Lydia’s conversion in Philippi. (Acts 16:13-15)

A. God selects the _____ to do ministry.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

B. God selects the _____ to minister to.

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.

C. God selects the _____ for salvation.

15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.
