

TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 16:6-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: On their second missionary journey, Paul and his companions were directed by the Holy Spirit on a 400 mile bypass to go into Europe. (ESV fn Acts 16:6)

KNOW *the Holy Spirit's way for you.* Remember how Jesus revealed Himself to you. Over and over Paul would tell how God had saved him and how He knew what God had called him to do. Paul knew when to preach and when not to preach. (Acts 16:6, Acts 9:1-18, Acts 14:26, 27, Acts 15:12, Acts 26:1, 12-18, fn 26:26:17, 18, John 14:21-26, fn 14:26) *How does remembering what God has done in your life help you trust the Holy Spirit?*

UNDERSTAND *the Holy Spirit's leading.* Paul knew when the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, did not want him to go in a certain direction. He understood because he was under the control of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 16:7, 8, fn 16:7-9, Romans 7:4-7, fn 7:6[1st], Ephesians 5:18, fn 5:18, Hebrews 12:2, 3, fn 12:1-4) *How do you stay under the control of the Holy Spirit?*

WAIT *for the Holy Spirit's confirmation.* After Paul had received the vision, they were able to arrive at a plan of direction by reasoning and listening to each other (concluding). Jesus does not promise us visions for direction, but He does promise us guidance which helps us to reason things out. (Acts 16:9, 10, fn 16:6, John 14:12-17, fn 14:15, 16, John 16:12-15, fn 16:13[1st]) *Why would the Holy Spirit want a team agreement?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

