



▶ **Facing Closed
Doors**

▶ **Acts 16:5-10**

I Corinthians 16:5-9;

“Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia.) But it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”

2 Corinthians 2:12-13;

“Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.”




Colossians 4:3;

*“meanwhile praying also for us,
that God would open to us a door
for the word, to speak the mystery
of Christ, for which I am also in
chains,”*

Enter Acts 16:5-10



**Why Would The
Lord Close Doors?**

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- a) To protect us from moving in the wrong direction
 - b) To redirect us to greater opportunities
 - c) To test our faith
 - d) To build perseverance in our lives
 - e) To equip us for the right door
 - f) His timing is not right

How Should We Respond To Closed Doors?

We can respond one of two ways,
the wrong way or the right way:

The Wrong Way:


- a) Go through the door anyway: we can manipulate our way through by reasoning way.
- b) We can become emotionally upset with the Lord
- c) We can blame someone else
- d) Or we can just rebel against God's will

The Right Way:

a) Wait until the Lord opens that door or another door.

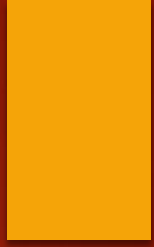
Psalm 32:8; “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

Isaiah 40:31; “But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

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- b) Look for God's reason for closing the door.
 - c) Pray for God's guidance while waiting.
 - d) Anticipate greater doors of opportunities to be opened.
 - e) Thank Him
 - f) Remain faithful in what you are doing right now.

3) The Results:

- a) Lydia and her household were saved: v.14-15
- b) A slave girl was delivered from a spirit of divination: v.16-18
- c) Prison doors were opened and the keeper of the prison and his family was saved: v.23-34
- d) They went to Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens where according to verse 6 of chapter 17, “they turned the world upside down.”
- e) The result souls were saved and the gospel went forward, all because Paul chose the right way when confronted with a closed door.



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