

Series: Expositions from Philippians

Message 02: Accidental Friends (Phil 1:3-6)

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³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Introduction

- I. **FLASHBACK TO PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 13-14)**

 - II. **SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY WHEN PAUL MET THE PHILIPPIANS (ACTS 16FF)**
 - A. **UNSUCCESSFUL PLANS (ACTS 16:6-8)**

 - B. **TURNING POINT (ACTS 16:9-10)**

 - C. **PAUL TOTALLY EMBRACED THE MACEDONIANS**
 1. Conversion of Lydia
 2. Exorcism of the slave girl
 3. Conversion of the Philippian Jailer
 4. The Flogging of Paul and Silas (Acts 16:37-40)

Paul and Silas allowed the beating so Philippian authorities are legally obligated to them and to the fledging congregation.

Note the deliberate visit to the homes of the new converts. (cf. Acts 22:25, *As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, 'Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn't even been found guilty?'*)
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- III. **CONCLUSION & APPLICATION**
 - A. **HOW TO LOOK AT LESS THAN IDEAL LIFE SITUATIONS**
 - B. **HOW TO LOOK AT LESS THAN IDEAL LIFE RELATIONS**

*The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*