

Journey Church Hawaii  
“Decision Points”  
Acts 16:6-15  
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I. The Story [Acts 16:6-15]

- A. The 2nd Missionary Journey was a 3-year Adventure [AD 49-52] that began in Acts 15:36]. After visiting churches from the 1<sup>st</sup> Journey, they decided to press forward to reach people in new cities
- B. The Holy Spirit forbids Southern/Northern Routes [Acts 16:6-7]
- C. In Troas, Paul has a vision to go to Macedonia [Acts 16:8-10]
- D. Luke joins the team [Acts 16:10]
- E. In Philippi, they visit a Prayer Meeting, where they meet Lydia, who accepts the Lord and subsequently hosts the Church of Philippi
  - 1. Finding that “person of peace” [Luke 10:5-9]
- F. Lydia, and the Church of Philippi, establish a relationship with Paul that spans his ministry life and produces one of the most intimate letters of the New Testament

II. Decision Points

- A. “Start with the End in Mind” – FOCUS on the BIG PICTURE; commit your WAY to HIM [Acts 13:2; Proverbs 29:18; **Proverbs 16:3**]
- B. Draw Near and Clos(er) to God [**Jeremiah 29:12-14a**]
  - 1. Daily Time in the Word, learning more about the Nature & Character of God
  - 2. Prayer: talking, listening and sometimes fasting [Acts 13:2-3]
  - 3. Worship: let yourself fall in love with God! [Psalm 34:1-2; Psalm 91; Revelation 4]
  - 4. Personal Holiness & Walking in the Spirit [Romans 8:1-11]
- C. Trust God to Order Your Steps [**Psalm 37:23-24**]
- D. Seek Counsel [**Proverbs 11:14; 15:22**]
- E. Do not be Afraid of Failure [**Proverbs 24:16**]
- F. Wait! God will Confirm His Word  
[1 Samuel 15:6-14; **Psalm 27:14**; Romans 12:1-2]
- G. Lydia and the “Bigger Plans of God” [**Isaiah 55:8-11**]
- H. Enjoy being in “God’s Will” [Romans 12:2]

III. It Takes Time to Know and Discern the Voice of God: an article by Pat Robertson  
<https://www1.cbn.com/hearing-gods-voice> ]