

Women in the Word

Paul and Silas: Strengthening the Churches

Acts 15:36-16:40 (Lesson 13, questions 1-8)

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🤔 So, How Are You Feeling? 😂

<p>Paul & Barnabas disagree regarding John Mark, and they separate</p> <p>1→</p> <p>🙄 Disappointed</p>	<p>Barnabas & John Mark go to Cyprus</p> <p>Paul & Silas go to Syria & Cilicia</p> <p>2→</p> <p>😬 Determined</p>	<p>Timothy joins Paul & Silas and is circumcised (mother is Jewish; father is Greek)</p> <p>3→</p> <p>🤔 Challenged</p>	<p>Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak in several places, Paul receives a vision regarding Macedonia</p> <p>4→</p> <p>😬 Surprised</p>	<p>Paul & Silas & company head to Philippi, a Roman colony in Macedonia; they meet Lydia, a businesswoman who responds to the Gospel</p> <p>5↓</p> <p>😄 Delighted</p>
<p>The jailer, believing that the prisoners have escaped, prepares to kill himself; Paul intervenes</p> <p>↓10</p> <p>😞 Compassionate</p>	<p>Paul & Silas are praying and singing hymns around midnight when an earthquake occurs, opening the prison doors</p> <p>←9</p> <p>🙏 Grateful</p>	<p>The jailer locks up Paul & Silas and has their feet put in stocks</p> <p>←8</p> <p>😡 Indignant</p>	<p>The slave girl's owners complain to the magistrates and Paul & Silas are beaten and thrown into jail</p> <p>←7</p> <p>😓 Victimized</p>	<p>Paul & Silas stay with Lydia and meet a slave girl and fortune teller who annoys Paul; he casts out an evil spirit from her</p> <p>←6</p> <p>😡 Annoyed</p>
<p>The jailer asks what he must do to be saved; Paul tells him to believe in the Lord Jesus</p> <p>11→</p> <p>🥳 Joyful</p>	<p>After the jailer and his household are baptized, the magistrates send the police to release Paul & Silas</p> <p>12→</p> <p>😡😡 Really indignant</p>	<p>Paul refuses to go quietly; he announces his Roman citizenship, which is bad news for the magistrates</p> <p>13→</p> <p>😡😡 Really annoyed</p>	<p>Knowing they've violated Roman law, the magistrates come to the prison and apologize; then they ask Paul & company to leave the city</p> <p>14→</p> <p>😂 Vindicated</p>	<p>Paul & company visit Lydia and the Philippian church before continuing their journey</p> <p>15→</p> <p>😄 Happy and hopeful</p>

Paul's Emotional Journey

1. Paul & Barnabas separate: Disappointed
Acts 15:36-39a
2. Barnabas & John Mark go to Cyprus; Paul & Silas go to Syria & Cilicia: Determined
Acts 15:39b-41
3. Paul deals with Timothy's status as half Greek, half Jewish: Challenged
Acts 16:1-5
4. Paul's plans change and they are redirected to Macedonia: Surprised
Acts 16:6-10
5. Lydia, a businesswoman, responds to the Gospel: Delighted
Acts 16:11-15
6. A slave girl follows Paul and disrupts the ministry: Annoyed
Acts 16:16-18
7. Paul & Silas are beaten: Victimized
Acts 16:19-22
8. Paul & Silas are thrown into jail and put in stocks: Indignant
Acts 16:23-24
9. Paul & Silas pray and sing hymns; an earthquake opens the doors: Grateful
Acts 16:25-26
10. The jailer prepares to kill himself but Paul stops him: Compassionate
Acts 16:27-28
11. The jailer asks Paul what he must do to be saved: Joyful
Acts 16:29-34
12. The magistrates send the police to release Paul & Silas: *(really)* Indignant
Acts 16:35-37a
13. Paul announces his Roman citizenship and demands action: *(really)* Annoyed
Acts 16:37b
14. Realizing their error, the magistrates apologize and ask them to leave: Vindicated
Acts 16:38-39
15. Paul & Silas visit Lydia and the brothers before continuing their journey: Happy and Hopeful
Acts 16:40

Bonus:

When Scripture was first written down, it wasn't divided into chapters and verses.

Most of our Bibles contain chapter divisions that are believed to have been developed by Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the 13th century. Others contributed to the modern divisions we use, including the system of verses. While helpful, these are additions to the Scripture, and we have to be careful to read passages in context.

