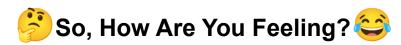
Women in the Word

Paul and Silas: Strengthening the Churches Acts 15:36-16:40 (Lesson 13, questions 1-8)

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

## **Paul's Emotional Journey**

- 1. Paul & Barnabas separate: <u>Disappointed</u>
  Acts 15:36-39a
- Barnabas & John Mark go to Cyprus; Paul & Silas go to Syria & Cilicia: <u>Determined</u>
   Acts 15:39b-41
- 3. Paul deals with Timothy's status as half Greek, half Jewish: <u>Challenged</u>
  Acts 16:1-5
- 4. Paul's plans change and they are redirected to Macedonia: <u>Surprised</u>
  Acts 16:6-10
- 5. Lydia, a businesswoman, responds to the Gospel: <u>Delighted</u>
  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: <u>Indignant</u>
  Acts 16:23-24
- 9. Paul & Silas pray and sing hymns; an earthquake opens the doors: <u>Grateful</u>
  Acts 16:25-26
- 10. The jailer prepares to kill himself but Paul stops him: <u>Compassionate</u>
  Acts 16:27-28
- 11. The jailer asks Paul what he must do to be saved: <u>Joyful</u>
  Acts 16:29-34
- 12. The magistrates send the police to release Paul & Silas: (*really*) <u>Indignant</u>
  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: <u>Vindicated</u>
  Acts 16:38-39
- 15. Paul & Silas visit Lydia and the brothers before continuing their journey: <u>Happy</u> and <u>Hopeful</u>

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.

