

What Revival Looks Like  
How Revival Acts  
Acts 15:41-16:8

**FIRED UP**



Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, **confirming the churches.**

16:1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father *was* a Greek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

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#### (1) The High Road, 15:41-16:1a

Acts 15:41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, **confirming the churches.**

16:1 “Then came he to Derbe and Lystra...”





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## (2) The High Point, 16:1b-3

(a) The Faithful Commencement of Timothy, 16:1b "...and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father *was* a Greek:

1 Cor. 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

2 Tim. 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2 Tim. 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

(b) The Fine Commendation of Timothy, 16:2

Acts 16:2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

(c) The Full Commitment of Timothy, 16:3

Acts 16:3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

1 Cor. 7:19 **Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing**, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

- Paul put into practice the principle stated in Jerusalem in Acts 15.

1 Cor. 9:20 And **unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews;** to them that are under the law, as under the law, **that I might gain them that are under the law;**

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) **that I might gain them that are without law.**

22 To the weak became I as weak, **that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.**

- In order to win someone to Christ, we make adjustments to accommodate the lost.



Rom. 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: **but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.**

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that ***there is nothing unclean of itself***: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, **now walkest thou not charitably**. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

- The greater principle is to crucify our flesh, lay aside our preeminence for the sake of someone else – walking in love toward “them that are without...”

Eph. 5:2 **And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us** an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Col. 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

(3) The Highlights, 16:4-5

(a) The Local Churches Enlightened,

Acts 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

(b) The Local Churches Encouraged,  
16:5a “And so were **the churches established in the faith...**”

(c) The Local Churches Enlarged,  
16:5b "...and increased in  
number daily."

b. A Time of Vagueness, 16:6-8

(1) Paul Leading Westward – But Aware of  
the Spirit's Refusal, 16:6

Acts 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the  
region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach  
the word in Asia,



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# Paul's Second Missionary Journey



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## (2) Paul Leaning Northward – But Aware of the Spirit’s Restraint, 16:7

Acts 16:7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.



### (3) Paul Looking Seaward – But Aware of the Spirit’s Release, 16:8

Acts 16:8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.





## Conclusion

Col. 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

3 Withal **praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that **ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**