



Title | When Setbacks Make No Sense
Series | The Church That Changed the World
Text | Acts 16:6-10
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Sermon Notes

Acts 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. **7** And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. **8** So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. **9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10** And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Psalm 31:15

My times are in your hand . . .

ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 16:6-10. What worthy goals or dreams have you had that seem blocked or thwarted? How does it make you feel? How do you think Paul felt about being prevented from preaching?

Tuesday:

When setbacks seem senseless, we can respond variously. Why do some people feel guilty? Why do some feel like victims? Are these healthy responses? What is a better response?

Wednesday:

Based on Acts 16:6-10, why do you think the Spirit prevented Paul from speaking in Asia and Bithynia? When do you think Paul realized God's purpose? Why didn't God reveal it before?

Thursday:

Read Acts 19:10. If Paul was eventually able to have an effective ministry in Asia later, why was he prevented from doing so previously?

Friday:

Read Psalm 31:12-16 written by David. What does David mean when in verse 15 he prays to God, "My times are in your hand"? How can you apply this?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, when setbacks make no sense, help me to surrender to your sovereignty.
My times are in your hand. Amen.