Northgate Sermon Notes

TEXT: Acts 16:6-10
TOPIC: Responding to God's Call
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[6]Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. [7]After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. [8]So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. [9]And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [10]Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.
Acts 16:6-10, NKJV

8 *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts*.
Isaiah 55:8-9, NIV

1. **God does things in different ways than you or I do.**
2. **God Sovereignly reigns in all circumstances**.

I. GOD OFTEN REVEALS HIS CALL THROUGH OUR _____ _____, Acts 15:36

Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."

Proverbs 16:9, *In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps*.(NIV)

Psalms 37:23, *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way*.(KJV)

Proverbs 3:5-6, *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.* (KJV)

II. GOD CALLS US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT'S _____, Acts 16:6-10

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

A. There are promptings by the Holy Spirit that guide you as you move through life.

B. **There are times when there are direct revelations of the Holy Sprit for Guidance. Acts 16:9-10**

"Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.