**Lemons to Lemonade**

Acts 15:36-16:1-15

Message #28

Prayer Verse: **28**And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.  (Romans 8:28 KJV)

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: God Turns \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:36-41)**

**The Characters:**

**Paul**: 40-50, Former Jewish zealot saved on the road to Damascus, now a zealot for Christ. Age

**Barnabas**: 40-50, Levite from Cyprus also called Joseph. Barnabas means son of encouragement.

**Silas**: 30-40, leader in Jerusalem church, Roman Citizen

**Timothy**: 16-22, Jewish mother Eunice, Grandmother Lois, and Greek father, became pastor/bishop in Ephesus.

**The argument was between two strong men with differing mindsets.**

**All \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to All \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (16:1-5)**

* Timothy’s heritage: I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. (2 Timothy 1:5)
* Did Paul violate the principle of Jerusalem council on circumcision? (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

**The Macedonian Call: It’s all about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit in Asia.
* The were not allowed to preach in Bithynian.
* Timing. Paul preached across that region before and later in this journey and in his 3rd journey.
* Had to get to Macedonia/Greece to Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth.

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Conversion of Lydia: She must have been a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fan.**

**Lydia**: Seller of Purple

* She had economic status—purple was of high value.
* She had social standing—interaction and involvement with the affluent and influential people.
* She was independent and a leader—she owned and ran a business in a male dominated culture.
* She was religious woman—called a “worshipper of God.”
* Her conversion gave hospitality and resources to the support of Paul and the Philippian church.