Sermon Notes - Dr. Tom Rush, Pastor

THE MACEDONIA CONVERSIONS

Acts 16:11-34

THE POWER OF CHANGED LIVES:

-God has only one plan of evangelism - *using people to reach people.* People are saved through one of only two means - *Personal Witnessing or Preaching of the Word.* (Cf. Rom. 1:16-17; Phil. 1:12, 22)

A. The Macedonian Call

1. Paul and Silas - Sent forth with the Message of Discipleship (Acts 15:36-41)

-The church in Antioch supports the Macedonian Call because they had a Missionary Concern and they took the Great Commission seriously.

2. Paul, Silas, Timothy & Luke - Sent forth with the Message of Deliverance (Acts 16:1-10)

What is both obvious and imperative, is that we see the focus of this missionary journey was OUTWARD.

-The same power that led these four men to *preach the gospel wherever the Spirit led,* was <u>used to change the lives of several</u> <u>others, especially in Philippi.</u>

B. The Macedonian Conversions:

1. LYDIA (vv. 11-15) - Set free from Delusion.

-Lydia was <u>religious</u> but what she needed was:

3. THE JAILER (vv. 23-34) - Set free from Despair. -The Jailer was suicidal, but what he needed was:

2. THE SLAVE GIRL (vv. 16-22) - Set free from Deception -The Slave Girl was <u>demon possessed</u>, but what she needed was:

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